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### 'Insult' to town is rejected by leaders

CIVIC leaders have slammed a report which branded Dudley as the worst town for shopping and fear it will damaged the borough's prosperity.

The town centre was ranked bottom of a list of 500 shopping destinations across the country for shopping experience, claiming it had too many betting shops, charity stores and pawnbrokers.

Shopping areas across the Black Country faced criticism in the Vitality Index by retail consultants Harper Dennis Hobbs with Halesowen also condemned on the list at 433rd.

In Dudley the report recognised the town centre was hit by the Merry Hill shopping centre and did note some improvement but the number of empty shops was still high.

Officials hit out at the report saying it fails to recognise the £200 million regeneration of the town centre that is taking place.

Dudley's deputy council leader, Councillor Pete Lowe, said the report was an 'insult'.

"Dudley has much to be proud of and I would urge people to visit us and see all that we have to offer before making judgements from misleading statistics," he said.

### Museum to boost figures

A SCHOOLS visitor reception at the Black Country Living Museum has been given the green light.

Bosses at the attraction say the new standalone entrance to the Tipton Road site will enable more schools to visit. Currently 60,000 pupils visit the museum each year but it is hoped the new entrance and reception area could double the figure.

Dudley Council's development control committee voted five to two in favour of the proposals with one abstention.

# MOSQUE GETS THE GO-AHEAD

**CONTROVERSIAL plans for a new mosque in Dudley have been given the go ahead.**

At a heated meeting of Dudley Council's Development Control Committee on Monday planning chiefs voted five to three in favour of the proposals, which will see the development of a 52 ft high curved roof mosque with a 62 ft minaret in Hall Street.

The development is set to include a 120 space two-storey car park, a sports centre, an enterprise and education centre and a community centre.

Police were stationed outside the Council House from 4pm onwards as people gathered to gain access to the public gallery. The doors were locked after the maximum allocation of 50 places was filled, leaving dozens of furious protesters outside.

#### Parking

During the meeting opposition was raised over the size and design of the three-storey building and lack of parking in the area.

UKIP Councillor Roger Scott-Dow said he feared parking facilities at the site would not be adequate, while Councillor David Caunt said he opposed the plans because they lacked detail as to when each stage of the job would be completed.

The authority's former deputy leader, Tim Wright, told the meeting: "Both the scale and size of the architecture are alien to Dudley's existing buildings and would not be in keeping with the surrounding area."

"The proposal would also increase traffic problems on surrounding roads."

He added that the development could have a

By Peter Madeley

negative impact on social cohesion in Dudley and encourage 'extremists'.

Councillor Qadar Zada, chairman of the Development Control Committee, said the development had been shrouded in controversy simply because of the religious aspect.

He said: "The site offers far more than just a mosque. Very few people are talking about the benefits of an enterprise, training and education centre in one of the most deprived areas in the borough."

The council received 370 letters of support and a petition backing the application with 1,718 signatures, while 885 letters were sent in against the plans.

The latest designs follow a previously failed bid, which had a taller minaret at 109ft.

Dr Khurshid Ahmed, director at Dudley Muslim Association, said the issue had opened up wounds within the community that needed to be healed. "Sadly relationships within the town have been messed up and it is about time we all started to rebuild," he added.

The plan could be halted by a High Court hearing next year on whether the land should revert to council ownership.

## Gritters get ready for the Big Freeze



**True grit — Councillor Khurshid Ahmed stands in front of the mound of grit at a warehouse on Lister Road, Dudley**

HUGE stores of grit are piled high ready for workers to hit the streets of Dudley when the winter weather turns nasty.

Workers are monitoring the weather and the state of the roads and are on standby to begin their work.

A dedicated 'weather watch' scheme will also be implemented so people can get all the information they need on school closures, any affected services and gritting information, as some predict a harsh winter ahead.

Borough transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "The winter can be a very challenging time for

us. Obviously we cannot control the weather but preparations are in hand ahead of any severe weather."

"We have a total of 4,000 tonnes of salt being delivered in addition to 2,500 tonnes we already have in stock."

#### Bins

"Our gritting team, based at the council's Lister Road depot, will be on hand to work around the clock to keep 470 kilometres of road clear during any severe weather."

Unlike neighbouring Sandwell borough, which has provided over 500 specialised anti-snow kits to residents,

Dudley Council says it has instead placed a focus on making grit bins readily available

"We also have a network of 1,072 grit bins across the borough which have been filled and are ready for people to use when the freezing weather comes," said Councillor Ahmed.

The borough has 10 gritters and a team of some 60 staff ready to get to work to keep Dudley on the move. A single gritting run will use anything between 35-75 tonnes of grit.

Teams are ready for action now as forecasters predict a big drop from the milder temperatures of recent weeks.

### Accused has denied murder of pensioner

A MAN has denied murdering Halesowen pensioner Cynthia Beamond and a London man.

Leo Barnes, aged 32, who is alleged to have killed Mrs Beamond and Philip Silverstone on consecutive days in June, pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder during a hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The body of Mrs Beamond, aged 80, was found hidden inside her semi-detached house in Juliet Road, Howley Grange, on June 29 after she was reported missing by family members.

#### Attack

A post-mortem examination found she died from head injuries suffered during a violent attack.

Mr Silverstone, who had been stabbed, was found dead on June 30 at his flat in Spencer House, Belsall Park, north-west London, after concerns were raised for his welfare.

Barnes, of Runcorn Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, is formally accused of murdering Mrs Beamond on June 27, while Mr Silverstone's murder is alleged to have taken place on June 28.

A further hearing in the case will be held on November 28. Barnes was remanded in custody.

### New jobs in pub revamp

A BRIERLEY Hill pub is creating 15 jobs as the result of a £194,000 makeover.

The Corn Exchange in Amblecote Road closed temporarily on November 3 to begin an extensive transformation into a Flaming Grill pub restaurant, part of Spirit Pub Company. It will re-open on Sunday after a complete refurbishment.

Corn Exchange general manager Craig Delday said: "We're sure that regulars and new guests alike will be impressed."



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# UKIP MEP fears threat to Black Country

THE name Greater Birmingham may be off the table but there are fears that a combined authority for Birmingham and the Black Country will erode their identities.

UKIP West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge says he will fight the creation of a combined authority. But his sound of the alarm has been rubbished by a council leader who spearheaded the negotiations.

The Labour-run councils say they need to be in a position to handle any devolved powers they might be offered in the wake of the Scottish independence referendum. Both Tories and Labour say they will give greater powers to regions and Chancellor George Osborne has resurrected the idea of an elected mayor in Birmingham, despite a referendum ruling it out two years ago.

Sedgley councillor Mr Etheridge raised his concerns in Brussels, saying: "Birmingham and the Black Country are just that, they are Birmingham and the Black Country not just some centralised entity. Each has their own character and the priority should be increased local accountability and democracy not more unnecessary centralisation. I will be holding a series of

public meetings on this overt EU-led threat to our local identities.

"I am extremely worried more power will be taken away from the people."

Sandwell Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper said: "No one is talking about taking away the identity of any part of the Black Country. We won't support the name Greater Birmingham either."

# Councils join forces but not as 'Greater Brum'

**THE Black Country and Birmingham are to join forces in a single, combined authority to try to gain more powers and funding.**

But the controversial name Greater Birmingham is being blocked in favour of the all-encompassing West Midlands Combined Authority or Birmingham and the Black Country.

Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley Councils are teaming up with Birmingham City Council after their leaders thrashed out a deal. The councils would continue independently but their leaders, or representatives, would sit on a new board that looks at issues of joint concern, such as transport and regeneration.

The move is part of a plan to get greater powers over funding without the need to go cap in hand to Whitehall for access to public money.

Council leaders said unless they joined together on matters that affected the whole West Midlands, they would be left behind. They promised the combined authority would not involve a new tier of politicians and would not cost any more money to run.

Councillor David Sparks, leader of Dudley Council, said: "We need a combined authority in the West Midlands to compete with other areas which have already gone down this route. There is evidence from around the country, such as in Greater Manchester, that where councils work in a more co-ordinated way they secure significantly greater proportions of national government investment."

Councillor Darren Cooper, leader of Sandwell Council, had imposed a deadline of Christmas to complete the deal.

He said the name Greater Birmingham was off the table. "I don't support that. Neither will the rest of the Black Country," he added.

## Happily married for 75 years



**Celebrating 75 years of marriage — Harry and Miriam Hingley, who are both aged 93**

MIRIAM and Harry Hingley, both 93, from Pensnett are celebrating an amazing 75 years of wedded bliss.

King George VI was on the throne when they wed in 1939, and, except from wartime when Harry was away with the RAF, they have barely spent time apart.

And the secret of their success is simple — never go to bed on an argument.

The couple first met in 1938, with the help of the milkman. Mrs Hingley said: "Harry noticed me and he found out where I lived from the man who delivered the milk

and he turned up on my doorstep a few days later." The couple married on November 4, 1939 at St John's Church in Brierley Hill.

Up until around eight years ago Mr Hingley was the secretary of the Midland Counties Entertainment Council, where he gave several entertainers their big break, including Lenny Henry.

The couple have two daughters Patricia, aged 73, Greta, 70, and son Robert, 68. They have six grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

# Leader of council taken ill at Commons

THE leader of Dudley Council leader has been recovering after collapsing while giving evidence during a committee hearing at the House of Commons.

Councillor David Sparks, who is also Chairman of the Local Government Association, became unwell at a session in London on Thursday.

He had attended the session of the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee session, which was hosting discussions on devolution across the UK.

The session was suspended for 45 minutes after Councillor Sparks became unwell while answering a question.

A spokesperson for the Local Government Association said: "Councillor Sparks became unwell when giving evidence. It was not serious. He recovered soon afterwards. He left to go home shortly afterwards."

The organisation posted on message through its Twitter account saying: "Our Chair was briefly unwell at today's Select Committee but is now fine and heading home, thanks to those who expressed concern."

Councillor Sparks is also a ward councillor for Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood.

# Police discover cannabis farm

POLICE officers have seized around 4,000 cannabis plants from an industrial unit in Lye.

The cannabis farm was found after a report that there had been a break-in at a lock-up premises on the Old Forge Trading Estate in Dudley Road.

The discovery was made at 8.35am by officers on Friday but no-one arrests were made at the site.

Detective Sergeant Richard Narrowmore said: "Some people may be under the illusion that cannabis is a harmless drug. The reality is quite different."

# Man is arrested

A MAN has been arrested in connection with an assault outside a Sedgley wine bar. During the attack outside Monty's Wine Bar, in High Street, on September 27, a 43-year-old man was punched to the ground. Officers said a 21-year-old man was arrested and bailed.

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## Police are called to cup game violence

VIOLENCE broke out at a junior football match in Stourbridge

Police were called after an official was allegedly headbutted and a car driven onto the pitch during the match between 18s sides Stourbridge Juniors and Black Country Rangers.

Birmingham County FA handed both teams a misconduct charge. Four Rangers players have been banned for violent conduct and two face misconduct charges. One Stourbridge player is serving a three match ban for violent conduct.

FA discipline boss Mike Fellows praised the referee's actions during the game at the King Edwards ground, saying "He did a really good job in taking down as much information as he could. Both teams have apologised to him."

Touble flared at the end of the Youth Challenge Cup first round tie on October 26, which Tipton-based Rangers won 2-1.

A police spokeswoman said: "A 44-year-old man informed them he had been headbutted and an individual present fully admitted the offence. The individual has written a letter of apology and that has been accepted by all parties."

## Help to buy benefits 335

THE number of people in Dudley who have benefited from the help to buy scheme has reached 335.

The latest statistics published by England Housing Minister, Brandon Lewis, has revealed that across the UK 54,000 home owners have received assistance through the project that helps people to get on the property ladder with a smaller deposit than usual.

More than 1,200 people in the Black Country have bought homes using the schemes. There have been 5,547 loans in total with 337 in Wolverhampton and 304 in Sandwell.

## Branch revamp

A BANK branch will temporarily close for a refurbishment this week.

The Gornal Wood branch of the Dudley Building Society will re-open at 10am on Monday. In the meantime customers can use branches in Stone Street, Dudley and High Street, Kingswinford.

# US-style primary to choose Tory candidate



Dudley South MP Chris Kelly

A US-style open primary will offer voters the chance to select a Tory candidate in a key marginal West Midlands seat of Dudley South.

The Conservatives are inviting people to choose from a shortlist of candidates to replace Chris Kelly, who is standing down after one term. The move copies political parties in the USA who let voters have the final say on the candidates, even if it has not been used in the recent Clacton by-election, which the Tories lost to UKIP, and in the

upcoming Rochester and Strood by-election.

People have until November 21 to register at the website [www.dudleysouthconservatives.com/open-primary](http://www.dudleysouthconservatives.com/open-primary) and a public meeting will take place on November 26. It is open to anyone who lives in the constituency and is aged 18 or over.

The constituency takes in Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett, Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South, Netherton, Woodside, St Andrews and Wordsley. At the last election there

were more than 61,000 registered voters.

The winning candidate will try to defend the 3,856 vote majority Mr Kelly won from Labour in 2010. But he or she will face competition from both Labour and UKIP.

The Conservatives in Dudley were shocked earlier this month by the defection of two councillors - Glenis Simms and Cheryl Billingham - to Labour.

Mr Kelly announced he would be leaving the Commons at the General Election saying he had found

it 'increasingly difficult to find the right balance between my work and my personal and family life' and that the 'unpredictability of business in the Commons combined with driving back and forth between the West Midlands and London has meant that I haven't been able to see those close to me as often as I'd like'.

Today he threw his support behind the open primary process, adding: "I have always worked for everyone, regardless of whether or not they voted for me."

# Schools link up to create academy education trust

FOUR schools serving around 3,000 pupils across Dudley and Staffordshire will form a new education trust.

Plans to convert to academies will be complete next month.

Ellowes Hall Sports College, in Lower Gornal, Dudley, The Crestwood School, in Kingswinford, Edgecliff High School, in Kinver, and Ounsdale High School, in Wombourne, will form the new academy trust. It is hoped the move will allow them to access 'much-needed' funding for improvements.

## Boy, 11, is hurt as he crosses road

A YOUNG boy was badly injured when he was involved in a collision with a car in Cradley Heath.

The 11-year-old was crossing The Parade on Saturday night when he was injured.

Paramedics were called to the scene shortly after 8.20pm and treated him for hip, stomach and leg injuries before he was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

### Serious

He also had some facial injuries.

West Midlands Ambulance spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "It quickly became apparent that the boy was seriously hurt and crews began treating him for pelvic, abdominal and leg injuries."

"He was given pain relief, had both legs put into a splint and was immobilised before being taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital on alert."

She added: "Although the boy's injuries were considered serious, they are not thought to be life threatening."

The multi-academy trust will go under the name Invictus, inspired by a poem by William Ernest Henley, and will be led by Ellowes Hall principal Andrew Griffiths. The Crestwood School's headteacher described the move as 'spectacular, successful and exciting' after it won approval by the Secretary of State for Education.

The new status will come into effect from December 1. The schools will gain more independence from local authorities by becoming academies with sponsorship from Invictus Education Trust.

The announcement comes months after an Ofsted inspection into Crestwood rated it 'good', a year after it was judged 'inadequate'.

Headteacher Tony Bowles said: "This is a very carefully planned collaboration. We are totally committed to ensuring all our students receive the best possible education and experiences from a vast pool of shared expertise and resources."

"We do, of course, maintain our own independence and identity and will continue to serve and represent our local communities."

Ellowes Hall principal Andrew Griffiths added: "In a couple of years we can be the best multi-academy trust in the country."

## More attend Remembrance Sunday



We will remember them — standard bearers lower their flags for the two minute silence at Dudley on Sunday

RECORD numbers turned out to Remembrance Sunday services, paying their respects to the men and women who lost their lives in two world wars and other conflicts.

There were 4,000 attending Dudley's Coronation Gardens Ceremony, more than ever before as the nation marks the centenary of the start of the First World War.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said he believed the events were so well attended as people are 'more aware than ever of the sacrifices that British

armed forces have continued to make for their country'. He added: "They want to come out and show their support and gratitude."

### Poignant

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston said the event was especially poignant this year as the people of Dudley thought about those from the borough who lost their lives in the First World War.

"The event also gave us chance to

thank men and women who are serving at home and abroad in our Armed Forces today," she said.

In Stourbridge, a parade began at Council House in Mary Stevens Park, before marching along Queen's Drive to the cenotaph for a service of Remembrance.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held by Stourbridge Army Cadets at the crematorium as part of the centenary commemorations. It was also a record turnout in Halesowen with standing room only at the church.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Permit scheme for trailer trips to tip

HOMEOWNERS in Dudley are allowed up to 12 visits a year to the council's household waste recycling centre with a trailer or van under new rules.

The scheme applies to anyone visiting the centre in Birmingham Street with a trailer or commercial vehicle. It allows only one permit per household and per vehicle. Councilor Hilary Bills said: "This permit scheme will help us to make sure that Dudley borough residents, who pay for the site through their council tax, are the only people using it."

### Safety campaign is a bright idea

A CAMPAIGN has been launched in Dudley to boost safety during the long dark nights.

The council's road safety team is working with schools, colleges and other groups on the Be Bright and Be Seen drive, part of the national THINK! road safety campaign.

Tips include wearing brightly coloured clothing, reflective gear at night and checking that bikes have working lights. For more information visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/roadsafety)

### Enchanted display at the Glass Cone

A SPECIAL arts and crafts exhibition has been put together in the run up to the festive season.

The Enchanted exhibition at the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley High Street will run from November 8 until January. It features interpretations of the festive season including artwork, jewellery and glass. The cone is open from 10am to 4pm and the exhibition is free.

### Homes proposed at former pub site

THE site of a former pub has gone up for sale for £260,000.

The 19th century built Earl of Wessex in Summerhill Road, Coseley, was demolished.

Plans have been approved by Dudley Council for a prospective developer to transform the land into eight houses. The site is now up for sale.

### Joe's ready to rock

BRITISH rock 'n' roll legend Joe Brown will be celebrating more than half a century making music, including a string of 1960s hits, when he performs at Dudley Town Hall on Saturday. Tickets are £25.

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THANKS for your humorous epitaphs. The expression "never speak ill of the dead" is obviously a new one. A reader found a tombstone on which one grieving husband inscribed: "Arabella Young, who on 17th July 1781 began to hold her tongue."

ANOTHER reader tells of a headstone in Yorkshire where the first lines record the death of a husband and the next line the passing of his wife. Underneath, in a different script, someone added: "She was not a virtuous woman."

MY father, too, as a fully paid-up Yorkshireman, felt no obligation to speak well of the dead. When one of his acquaintances died the local paper approached him for a few words to include in the obituary. "You may quote me," my father replied, "as saying that Mr \*\*\*\*\* was a complete \*\*\*\* and the world is a much better place for his passing." Needless to say they didn't use it.

A POLL of Radio Times readers suggests the favourite movie line of all time is Buzz Lightyear's quote from Toy Story: "To infinity . . . and beyond!" The poll's top 10 inexplicably overlooked "May the Force be with you" from Stars Wars and "I love the smell of napalm in the morning" from Apocalypse Now. Strange poll, strange result. But then who reads the Radio Times these days?

WE all have our personal best movie lines. One of mine is from the celloid scene in Local Hero when Mac asks for a 42-year-old whisky and is told it's not available. "Well," he replies, "Give me four eight-year-olds and a ten-year-old." And there's a gem of a line at the end of Jungle Book when the man-cub Mowgli, having grown up with animals, is suddenly enchanted by his first sight of a little girl. Baloo the bear growls: "Forget about those. They ain't nothing but trouble."



GOD alone knows why Michael Fallon is our Secretary of State for Defence. He looks like a suburban grocer, his background is in stock-broking and private nurseries and he has never spent a day in uniform. Yet he is the man who has ordered British troops back into Iraq, to "train" Iraqi forces how

to fight the Islamic State. Train them? Which bit of "Don't run away" do the Iraqis not understand? If they are not prepared to fight for their own country, why should British soldiers be sent to hold their hands? By rights, Sunday should have been a day to rejoice, the first Remembrance Day for many years with no British "boots on the ground" in any foreign wars. Michael Fallon is changing all that. I fear events may teach him a terrible lesson.

A GOVERNMENT spokesman popped up on the radio this week to repeat one of the Great Whoppers of Our Time: "Crime has fallen by 10 per cent." No, it hasn't. It's just that thousands of criminals have abandoned the risky business of theft, fraud and mugging for the safe, warm, rewarding pastures of cyber crime. Crime on the internet is booming and most of it is ignored by the police, so it doesn't appear in any recorded-crime statistics. I have never been mugged in the street but at least once or twice a day someone tries to rob me via my computer. If you seriously think crime is falling, you really ought to be in politics.

WHY did the teenager Will Cornick murder his teacher? Because he is a psychopath. How do we know he is a psychopath? Because he murdered his teacher. Yet again a mental-health diagnosis in a murder case seems to be nothing more than being wise after the event.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Jealous ex-lover spared jail over arson

A SPURNED lover who pushed a burning toilet roll through the letterbox at the home of his former girlfriend has been spared jail.

Arsonist Michael Woodall carried out the attack after he found out she was involved with another man, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 20-year-old scrawled abusive messages on the walls outside her

home in Crescent Avenue, Brierley Hill, before setting fire to a toilet roll and forcing it through the letterbox.

Recorder Mr Stuart Sprawson said: "This offence would usually be deserving of an immediate prison sentence but this is an exceptional case where I can make you the subject of a community order."

The court heard that Woodall had

been involved in a stormy 18-month relationship with the woman before the pair parted in November 2013.

Mr Stuart Clarkson, prosecuting, said they were initially on good terms after their relationship expired but that changed in February after the woman admitted she was seeing another man. Woodall embarked on a campaign of threats via phone calls and text messages

Mr Kevin Grego, defending, said: "His depressive illness now appears to be under control with appropriate medication."

Woodall, of Park Road, Lower Gornal, admitted committing arson. He was handed a two year community order with 200 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £60. He was ordered not to contact his victim or her mother for eight years.

# Stray horses costing taxpayers over £90k

**ALMOST £100,000 has been spent tackling the number of horses illegally grazing on a borough's parks and nature reserves.**

Dudley Council used some of the £95,000 over the last financial year to pay an independent bailiff company to impound the animals.

This month the council continues to warn horse owners their animals will be taken if found on parks and nature reserves.

The most recent action took place last month when two horses were seized from council-owned land off Bryce Road, Pensnett.

The council has also revealed it has impounded more than 460 horses from roads and pathways over the past three years.

### RSPCA

Officers say they work with animal charity RSPCA.

Environment boss Councillor Hilary Bills said: "The council has developed a range of policies and services to help deal with the problem, including the introduction of the reactive service to remove horses from the highway, in partnership with the local police and a local horse removal contractor.

"Since 2011 there have been more than 460 horses taken from the public highway using this service, reducing the risk to pedestrians, motorists and horses alike, and this service is seen as a model system nationwide.

### By Alex Ross

"The council also regularly monitors the numbers of horses illegally grazing on council owned land and periodically takes action through a separate retained horse bailiff with specific targeted impoundment activity."

The council also posts enforcement notices at certain locations warning anyone who may leave their horses on council-owned that the horses may be impounded.

Officers say they continue to check the health of animals grazing on council-owned land and work with the RSPCA and local vets when a horse requires treatment.

Councillor Bills added: "Unfortunately the number of horses left in poor condition by irresponsible owners can increase in the winter months. We adopt a robust monitoring regime."

The problem is mirrored in Sandwell, where authorities have also been working with bailiffs.

## Society's golf day raises £5k



Suzanne Davies, of Compton Hospice, Lee Judson, of The Tipton & Coseley Building Society, and Kelly Vickers, from Beacon Centre for the Blind in Sedgley

THE Tipton and Coseley Building Society has helped two Black Country charities through its annual golf day.

Staff have handed over cheques worth almost £5,000 to the Beacon Centre for the Blind in Sedgley and Compton Hospice in Wolverhampton.

The event saw 16 teams entering this year, helping raise around £2,500, a figure that was matched by the Tipton's Charitable Foundation.

Lee Judson, general manager of sales and

marketing at the Tipton, said: "We know how much good work the charities will be able to do across the region."

Kelly Vickers, from Beacon Centre for the Blind, added: "All money they donate is used to support local people with sight loss live fuller and more independent lives."

Grace Ruston, from Compton Hospice, added: "We care for 600 patients at any one time at a cost of more than £6 million every year. This donation which will go directly towards funding every vital minute of care."

# Winter warmth scheme saves club

A SPORTS and social club which had its central heating system condemned has been saved by Dudley Council's Winter Warmth scheme.

Netherton Sports and Social Club had to close its doors and cancel all upcoming events until funds could be raised to replace the heating system.

Club president Madge Hill, who had relied upon the scheme to warm her own home last winter, contacted the council out of desperation.

The authority has since provided four oil filled radiators free of charge on indefinite loan until the central heating system has been replaced.

Housing boss Councillor Gaye Partridge said: "We recognise the importance of supporting community groups, along with residents themselves. The winter warmth scheme was happy to help the club and to make sure that the clubs and groups that use it as a venue, often for older people, could still go ahead even as the weather has turned colder. The club's committee was very appreciative."

Anyone worried about keeping their home warm this winter should call (01384) 817086.

## Representing the region

A BUSINESS in Stourbridge has been chosen to represent the region in the national Small Business Saturday campaign.

Hair removal business Tej and Co started in 2002.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration at Dudley Council and Steve Parker, Black Country chairman of the Federation of Small Business, made a visit to the business to discuss Small Business Week which runs from December 1. Owner Tejinder Ghag said: "Small Business Saturday captured my imagination."

## Crash by school

A CAR crashed through railings at a Dudley school half an hour before classes were due to start.

The crash outside Roberts Primary School in Lower Gornal was at 8.20am on November 4. No-one, including the 19-year-old driver, was hurt.

### The Brambles at Christmas

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## Warning after spate of thefts from cars

MOTORISTS in Stourbridge are being warned after a spate of thefts from vehicles prompted police to step up action.

Councillors and residents have been told about the problems with items being stolen from cars including the Old Quarter area of the town.

Police officers in the Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Neighbourhood Police team say they are addressing the issues following reports from residents.

Crime prevention literature has been distributed to people living in the neighbourhood reminding people not to leave items of value on display in vehicles.

Ward Councillor Nic Barlow urged people to be alert to anyone acting suspiciously in the neighbourhood near parked cars.

"It is a case of staying vigilant at the moment and anyone sees someone acting suspiciously they need to report it to the police," he said.

"The police have said they are proactive in trying to do something about it, which is reassuring."

It comes after police reiterated warnings to motorists not to leave vehicles unlocked while defrosting windows in the mornings.

## NaNoWriMo library event

PEOPLE taking part in the National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) are invited to an event in Dudley.

NaNoWriMo launched worldwide this month and challenges participants to write a 50,000 word novel by the end of November.

To encourage people to get writing, Kingswinford Library will host an event for all budding writers. Guests including authors Anne-Marie Vukelic and Nell Dixon will be at the event on Saturday, November 22, 11am to 1pm. Call (01384) 812740 to book a place.

## Rover 25 blaze

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a blaze involving a car which crashed into security fencing in Dudley.

A crew was called to the Rover 25 car in Shaw Road on November 4 at 8.45pm. They found the car well alight. The driver was not at the scene.

# Increase in four-hour A&E waiting times



Longer wait — Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley

MORE than 1,000 people waited at least four hours in accident and emergency at Russells Hall Hospital – a rise of more than 200. But the trust in charge still beat its NHS-set target for the 13 weeks up to the end of September.

There were 1,050 patients who waited more than four hours compared with 816 people for the same period last year.

The hospital kept within the target of 95 per cent of people being treated at accident and emergency within the four hours, hitting 95.9 per cent. The year before the hospital scored 96.6 per cent. The figures

also showed the hospital had a rise in accident and emergency admissions, up 1,562 to 25,536 over the period.

Paula Clark, chief executive at Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said the hospital had not experienced the expected reduction in admissions over the summer.

She said: "One reason was a real rise in demand. Demand from the public has increased but we have more elderly patients and also seen a steep rise in children under two attending."

Labour parliamentary candidate for Dudley South, Natasha Millward, will be asking

health bosses for a meeting. She said: "Waiting times have a massive impact on people who are ill and just want to be seen as quickly and efficiently as possible. People are really concerned."

The increase in people waiting more than four hours at accident and emergency departments at Russells Hall Hospital is mirrored at hospitals across the region.

Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, which manages Sandwell General Hospital and City Hospital, had 3,345 patients waiting more than four hours, out of 39,216 admissions.

# The last elderly residents leave as care home closes

A CARE home has closed with the loss of 21 jobs as the last remaining elderly residents were found new accommodation.

The Homestead at Prestwood was placed into the hands of administrators Diana Frangou and Dilip Dattani, of Baker Tilly, after its managing company Elysian Care Ltd went into administration.

There were hopes the 38-bed home could be sold and all 25 residents remain but over three weeks families of the residents, aged up to 96, found alternative accommodation.

Last week administrators confirmed the home had now closed, and that all 21 staff had been made redundant. A further 15 staff left ahead of the home closure.

Sylvia Ellis moved her 96-year-old mother Ethel Fazey from the home last month. Mrs Fazey had moved to the home two years ago, after leaving her house in Wollaston.

Mrs Ellis, aged 67, said: "The closure has had a huge impact on the residents. They all loved it there and didn't want to move again. This was the place they wanted to stay at for the rest of their lives."

Councillor Barlow said: "The closure of the care home is very disappointing and has impacted not just the residents, but also the families who have to find new homes. I have had conversations with an officer at Dudley Council to find out where it went wrong and how we had worked to support people living there."

Staffordshire County Council stepped in to pay staff wages after concerns were raised about Elysian Care Ltd's financial viability at the start of last month. The home was registered independently with the county council and Dudley Council.

He added: "Yellow zig-zag lines are outside schools for a very good reason — to keep pupils safe by creating a sight line that enables them to see and be seen before crossing the road."

## Roy's knockout move helps boxers



Just champion — head coach Paul Gough, left, celebrates with Roy Richardson and Dudley North MP Ian Austin

A BOXING club is celebrating a knockout success after securing the cash needed to extend its base.

Black Country businessman Roy Richardson, who was behind the Merry Hill Shopping Centre with his brother Don, has handed Dudley's Priory Park Amateur Boxing Club £20,000 to finish the work.

The new building will have rings, changing rooms and punch bags, as well as providing personal training sessions.

Paul Gough, head coach, said: "Roy has helped out with the club twice now and I really cannot thank him enough for all he has done. It will be a massive benefit once completed and not just for the boxers."

"In the evenings we are geared towards the boxing but in the day we hope to open to a lot of different things. We will be looking to work more with schools, provide daytime clubs for mothers and other clubs based around health and wellbeing."

It really will be for the benefit of the whole community."

The Priory Road club, started in 1975, has turned out a series of champions including middleweight Ryan Aston and welterweight Tommy Ghent. It currently has 60 members.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "The boxing club makes a massive difference here in Dudley. It helps keep these kids off the street. Roy is a great man. The donation he has given is going to make a massive difference."

## MP calls meeting over college site

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has called a public meeting over a disused school in the town which is causing concern.

The former Longlands School still stands empty, following closure as a college building three years ago.

Site owner Birmingham Metropolitan College has been looking to sell the land. Meanwhile, nearby residents have complained about the decaying state of the buildings.

The meeting on the site's future is at Greenfield Primary School on November 28 at 6pm.

## One person injured in three car crash

ONE person was taken to hospital after two cars hit a garden fence in Lower Gornal last week.

The incident happened at the junction of Hunters Mill Drive and Coopers Bank Road in Lower Gornal shortly after 10pm on Tuesday, November 4.

Three cars were involved in the crash before two vehicles struck a wooden garden fence.

West Midlands Ambulance Service took one patient to Russells Hall with minor injuries.

## Looking back one thousand years

THE Black Country Society will continue its series of lectures with a talk on life in Mercia over a thousand years ago.

The talk at the Black Country Living Museum on November 26, from 7.30pm, will be given by Dr Richard Denning. He will look at clothing, food, weaponry, laws and religion, bringing along several artefacts. Admission is £1.50 with refreshments.

## Festive lights to be switched on

THE Halesowen Christmas lights will be officially switched on at an event on Saturday.

Dudley Council with Halesowen Chamber of Trade and Cornbow Shopping Centre will stage the event. From 11am there will be fair rides in High Street and entertainment in Hagley Street, before the switch-on at 5pm.

## Retro styles at fair

A RETRO fair featuring vintage fashion and pop-up hair and beauty salon is being held in Stourbridge on Saturday at St Thomas's church hall, Market Street, 11am to 4pm. It will also feature crafts.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

NAPOLEON once dismissed Britain as 'a nation of shopkeepers. Well according to a rather new depressing survey into our towns and cities, the Black Country and its environs is now a region of bookies, pawnbrokers and kebab shops.

Now, I really would like to be angry about the study by retail analysts Harper Dennis Hobbs, which ranks Dudley the worst of Britain's 500 main shopping destinations, with Halesowen, Bilston and Rugeley faring only marginally better. However, it is surely only telling us what we already know. Indeed, judging from the public reaction to the study, the main bone of contention among people in this area is how Wolverhampton, which comes in at a middling 262nd place in the survey, is not down there with them.

Outraged civic leaders say the figures fail to take into account the many regeneration schemes lined up for their areas. But aside from the proposed new Debenhams store at the Mander Centre, which will hopefully give Wolverhampton a boost, what else is in the pipeline to turn around these towns which persistently punch below their weight? Is a new market place in Dudley really going to bring back the likes of Beatties? I doubt it.

Of course, it is unfair to lay all the blame at cash-strapped councils, which in reality do not have as much power as we would like to think over where retailers choose to locate. What would be nice, though, would be for our leaders to admit there is a problem, instead of indignantly protesting at the unfairness of it all. Talking up tourism really isn't much help when it comes to the weekly shop.

The one ray of hope is the Queen's Square shopping centre in West Bromwich, which has breathed some life into the town by giving people what they want – large retail units with ample car parking, which are able to attract the big-name retailers. More please.

I'm a Black Country lad, and I will always support my local town, whatever the surveys say. But I do this out of blind loyalty, in pretty much the same way that I will always support Aston Villa, even though, more often than not, this involves paying out for an experience which leaves me feeling deflated and disheartened.

The trouble is, I suspect I am one of a dying breed, and this cannot bode well for the Black Country at all. Just as many youngsters today reject the dubious pleasures of supporting their underachieving local teams in favour of watching the expensively assembled stars of Chelsea, Manchester City or United on television, how likely is it that many of the younger generation will continue to support the likes of our ailing towns and cities, when they can just hop on a train to the bright lights of Birmingham's Bull Ring?



Present day pit guide Pete Myatt from Pedmore



Black Country miners about to go underground



In the thick of it – guide Keith Mellor from Halesowen

# Museum's mine marks milestone

The Black Country Living Museum coal mine exhibit is 25 years old. **CHARLIE BENTON** reports

**ITS dark, winding tunnels have transported a generation of museum visitors back in time to the subterranean world of the Black Country's mining past.**

Now the Black Country Living Museum is celebrating 25 years since its £1 million man-made coal mine exhibit first opened to the public.

Four million visitors have been taken 'into the thick' since November 1989, up to 1,500 a day during peak times.

The Black Country was famous for the Staffordshire Thick Coal, which lay beneath much of the area in seams up to 10 metres thick and the mine exhibit was created to show how miners worked the thick coal and other seams in the Black Country in about 1850.

## Maze

The mine itself is a 'drift mine', accessed by walking down a sloping tunnel. As it comes to an end it splits into a maze of roadways and working areas, recreating the underground conditions as they would have been more than 160 years ago, with the roof coming as low as 1.5 metres in some places.

The mine, which wasn't built until 10 years after the museum itself was first opened, was the brainchild of former director of the museum Ian Walden and was funded entirely by the council and local businesses.

In total, there are over 200 metres worth of tunnels which makes the Into the Thick exhibit one of the largest, if not the largest, replica mine tours in the UK.



Original mine guides Barry Salt, Bryan Harris and Ron Butcher

After originally looking at opening up an old mine, the museum chose to use cement blocks to build a brand new, man-made mine to prevent risks to visitors and minimise flooding.

Despite being unsafe to reopen as an exhibit, the museum has a total of 42 disused mineshafts underneath it. Two of them are preserved at the Racecourse Colliery and Brook Shaft areas of the museum.

Back in the 1800s many of the mines across the Black Country not only endangered their workers, but also those

who lived in houses above them, which were slowly 'pit-pulled' down into the empty space below. The museum has an example of the phenomenon on-site in the form of a 'tilted cottage'.

"It's easy to forget the kind of working conditions miners were subjected to," said David Eveleigh, Director of Collections, Learning & Research at the museum. "The mine tour is important because it immerses our visitors into the world of the miner in a way that hearing or reading about it simply can't.

"It is one of the most popular activities on our site for good reason and it especially resonates with children, the group which would have suffered the most at the hands of lax labour laws."

Ken Bradley, chairman of the Friends of the Black Country Museum group, said: "The museum wanted to illustrate how vital mining was to the area and how dangerous that work was.

"The site that the museum is built on actually had many working mines and there were enquiries made as to whether one of them could be used but the idea was turned down by the mine safety people as there were lots of problems with it.

"The director decided that a way around this would be to do a reconstruction mine and that is how it came about."

Mr Bradley said the contractors brought in to construct the mine were also involved with the living history Jorvik Viking attraction in York.

"The contractors at the time made panels out of synthetic materials to simulate the coalface," Mr Bradley said. "But when they were laying them they came across a real coal seam.

"Although they weren't allowed to leave the seam itself open they actually took patterns and remade the panels to look exactly the same."

He added: "My father was a coal miner in a real working mine and stepping into the reconstruction for the first time all those years ago suddenly brought everything back because it is so realistic."

As part of the anniversary celebrations the original tour guides have been invited back to the museum to take a tour themselves to commemorate the milestone.

Bryan Harris, of Gornal, 78, was a mine guide for more than 20 years from the 1989 opening. The former banker decided after he retired that he wanted to do something completely different. He said: "I loved every minute of it."

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

WHAT'S in a name? Well, plenty as it happens, particularly when it comes to the identity of the Black Country.

Greater Birmingham is dead. Long live the West Midlands Combined Authority or Birmingham and the Black Country, the councillors haven't figured that one out quite yet.

Five councils have joined forces to work on matters that affect them all and take advantage of whatever new powers or funding they might be offered by the Government.

And the reason they have done it is because the Heart of England is in danger of becoming a squeezed middle. The south east is expanding. The northern towns and cities are teaming up.

If the Black Country and Brum are to get any more than crumbs off the table they have to be pulling in the same direction. At least that's the theory behind the long-running saga of Greater Birmingham.

The problem was that every time some well-meaning person uttered it in the hope of drawing attention to the West Midlands, all it did was provoke a debate about identity.

The use of Greater Birmingham in any sort of marketing exercise did not result in national newspapers writing how the West Midlands was on the up but how its various towns were up in arms about something the London elite found to be terribly quaint. But the Black Country is the Black Country. It won't simply be quietly absorbed. We ay Brummies.

The name Greater Birmingham was supposed to be about unity and solidarity. In fact it just turned out to be terribly divisive.

The combined authority is nothing to really get hot under the collar about. No-one is suggesting a new layer of bureaucracy or generous allowances for councillors. Nor are they planning on having yet more elections that barely anyone will bother turning out to vote in.

But ever since the coalition parties and Labour promised Scotland far greater control over its own affairs, there has been a lot of talk about doing the same in England.

That means whether it's the Tories, Labour or another coalition featuring one or the other after the General Election, something has to exist in the West Midlands to take advantage of anything that's on offer.

We're already playing catch up. Greater Manchester has had one for a few years.

Maybe that's why the name Greater Birmingham seemed to roll off so many tongues. As a region we need to get our swagger back and remember what a big deal we all are, particularly when we're on the same side.

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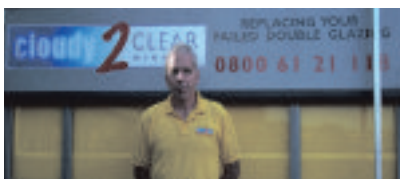
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# Most people do not want this mosque

**IN response to Councillor Waltho's comments regarding officers supporting the new mosque scheme.**

The question has to be asked, is he in possession of inside knowledge, as he is not a member of the Planning Committee.

I would also query the figures in opposition of the scheme, and his comments that "it would bring the Community together and transform an eyesore site"

## Fair tax? Make big boys pay

WHY is it that when large companies and famous 'personalities' do not pay the full amount of tax that seems due from them it is always called tax avoidance.

Then when your local tradesman/friend of a friend earns a little cash on the side with some undeclared income it has become tax evasion. How, and why, does it change?

Could it be that governments, of all political colours, rely on big companies and 'personalities' for help? Or do they have high-powered legal teams and accountants to help them avoid/evasde taxes? Local trades-people don't have these advantages.

Here is some advice to HMRC. Get some of the 'big boys'. Make them pay. It isn't fair to the citizens of this country that preferential treatment is given to some. Remember the Prime Minister said that we are all in this together.

**M GOUGH**  
Wombourne

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## No logic to lumping us with Birmingham

IT is with increasing consternation that I am reading more and more about the proposals for Greater Birmingham.

It is just typical of unelected ill-educated bureaucrats in the European Union that they are investigating such a ridiculous idea. Drawing random lines across a map to define 'regions' is a sure fire way to cause dissent from the peoples on either side of them.

In 1916, two diplomats, one French and one British, drew a line across the Middle East to divide up the interests of France and Britain. Today the line created by Sir Paul Sykes and Francois Picot, over a bottle of whisky, is at the centre of the attempt by IS to create a caliphate based on the Ottoman Empire.

The comparison between the two is that some demographic knowledge is required before any division or amalgamation of peoples.

Although I do not envisage taking up arms against the Brummies, I can see no way that any in the Black Country will ever identify as part of Birmingham, so there will be friction for as long as this ill thought out idea persists.

It is as sensible as drinking whisky whilst trying to sort out the troubles of the Middle East.

**M DAY**  
Dudley

With two petitions on this application, of more than fifty thousand names, it has no chance of bringing the community together.

It will in itself be an eyesore, that most of the Dudley population do not want, particularly with the call to prayer being heard all over the town — which the original planning application stated could not be allowed to happen outside the site boundary.

Yet again we the people of Dudley, who pay for our councillors expenses, are being taken for a ride, while they

are riding roughshod over our interests.

I note that the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome have missed their deadline to submit their proposed plans by one day and yet the Dudley Muslim Association have missed their deadline of 31st December 2008 by more than 2,000 days and are still wasting tax payers money with the council having to fight against their proposals.

**PHIL CHERRINGTON**  
Dudley

## Concern at attack that injured dog

MY son took his dog on the lead on his regular tea time walk at Cotwell End Nature Reserve, as he reached the woods a pack of five bull greyhounds — cross between a greyhound and a bull mastiff — attacked my son's dog.

After a traumatic struggle, my son's dog was finally free but had suffered severe bites. It had to be taken to the animal hospital where one bite required 25 stitches.

Police advised me that although it was a dangerous situation no law had been broken until the dogs attack a person. Can you imagine what the situation would have been had this been a child or a person carrying a dog?

The law is clearly in need of alteration to avoid a future horrific incident and I intend to appeal to my MP. I would urge all walkers at Cotwell End to avoid walking on their own.

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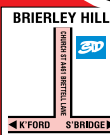
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## Evening of skittles was a success

Wollaston 'E' TWG

IN the absence of the chairman, vice-Chairman Hazel Needham welcomed 47 members and one visitor, Elaine Skidmore, to the October meeting.

There is a list in circulation for names of members who would like to attend the Christmas Party on December 9. The cost is £5 and if possible this should be paid at the next meeting.

The annual skittles evening and fish and chip supper attracted approximately 40 members and friends and was enjoyed by all.

Many people returned home with prizes. The success of this evening was due to the impeccable organisation of Jill Dunn to whom we express huge thanks.

Forthcoming events include the carol service in Cobden Street Methodist Church, Wollaston on December 3 and the Federation Carol Service in St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on December 14. This service will be followed by the usual coffee and mince pies served in the adjoining church hall.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs C Carley who entertained us with an eye opening and amusing account of her nursing experiences in the African bush.

Trained by the Salvation Army, she was first sent out to Zimbabwe where she had to deal with victims of tropical diseases. Competition winners were Sue Llewellyn and Pat Archer, while raffle prizes went to Barbara Homer and Jill Perry.

The next meeting is on November 11 at 7.30pm.

# Talking on deadly Black Country raid

Sedgley Local History Club

THE next meeting of the society takes place tonight (Thursday) at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street, Sedgley. The speaker is Derek Nicholls, a local historian from Tipton.

Derek has spent 18 months researching the deadly raid on Tipton, Bradley, Wednesbury and Walsall in January 1916 inflicted by a Zeppelin that had lost its way.

In around half an hour the L.21 had destroyed homes and buildings killing about 35 and injuring 20.

With stalemate on the Western Front, Zeppelin raids started in January 1915 with bombs dropped on King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth. During WW1 about 50 raids were made on Britain killing over 500 civilians and injuring over 1,300.

Three unsuccessful attempts to bomb central Birmingham resulted in only minor damage on the outskirts. As usual visitors are welcome - admission £1. Annual membership of the society costs £5 and gives free access to the programme of talks.

## A meal and £500 cheque for charity

W-ton Soroptomists

FOLLOWING an enjoyable meal at The Lindens, Tetterhall Road President Jan presented a cheque for £500 to Amy Johnson of Promise Dreams; this year's president's charity.

Amy commented she had worked for the charity for the last nine years and Promise Dreams was launched in 2001 to make dreams come true for seriously and terminally ill children and their families.

The president then welcomed and installed Elen McGregor as SI Wolverhampton's newest member and also guest for the evening, Mina.

Jan reported she had spent a most enjoyable evening at Bilston club's SI dinner. A new members evening had been held and attended by five new members, supported by club

members and hosted by Renee White. A membership pack which had been especially completed with emphasis on the Wolverhampton Club and handed to each member.

The president continued with thanks to members of the club who had attended Footprints Orphanage Annual Ball and who presented a cheque for £100 towards the purchase of mosquito nets.

The club had further held a very successful 1940's early evening event which had raised over £500.

A 'pink' bring and buy stand at the meeting had raised £73 towards Breast Cancer awareness.

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## Film makers show their skills

Penn Towns Women's Guild

Mrs McInnes welcomed everyone to the meeting and after the Guild business was completed, introduced the speakers for the evening, Wolverhampton Film Makers.

They showed films made by their members, the first of which was Blackpool in October which included scenes of tramcars, the Tower Ballroom and Wurlitzer Organ and five miles of illuminations taking one million lights and 200 miles of cable. Other

short films followed including changing seasons with background music, Last of the Summer Wine and the spectacular scenery around Holmfirth, West Yorkshire.

The Gardening Group enjoyed a walk round Bantock Park and a coffee. Meetings are held at Penn United Community Hall, Penn Road at 7.15 pm.

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# Passengers flee as their bus bursts into flames



Lucky escape – no-one was hurt in the blaze which ripped through the bus. Pictures by Robert Cartwright

**PASSENGERS** were forced to flee a bus that burst into flames.

The blaze broke out at the back of a double deck National Express bus in Quarry Bank High Street on Thursday morning, just before 7am.

Firefighters said that about 20 per cent of the bus was engulfed in flames towards the rear of the lower deck.

Robert Cartwright was heading to work when he saw the fire. He said: "I first noticed the fire when I pulled up behind a parked lorry which couldn't get past because of it. The fire service

turned up almost immediately. It only took them about two or three minutes. It was quite surreal to see this bus with flames just pouring out of it."

National Express spokesman Jack Kelly said: "There were about eight people on the bus. The driver heard a noise, immediately stopped the vehicle and got people off. Nobody was hurt during the incident and we are working hard to establish the cause."

Firefighters from Haden Cross and Brierley Hill were called to the number 41 bus which runs through Halesowen and Cradley Heath to Merry Hill shopping centre.



Firefighters tackling the blaze

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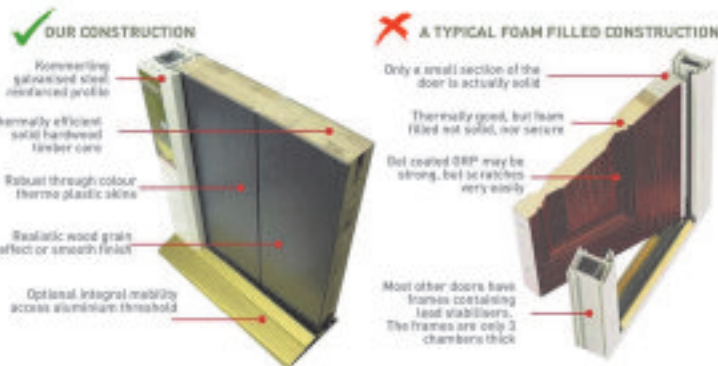
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# We owe a huge debt to all who defend British values

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As I laid my wreath I reflected on those who fought for the freedom and democracy we take for granted. We owe a huge debt to all who defend the values that make Britain the greatest country in the world.

Earlier I attended the service at Grazebrook Park which I organise with Councillor Shaikat Ali, Deputy Mayor Steve Waltho and the Friends of Buffery Park. We were joined by Dudley Air Cadets and veterans Gordon Willetts and John Deane. Reverend Caroline Wickens led our service and Maggie O'Hara led a beautiful rendition of Abide With Me.

I finished the day at Central Methodist for their annual Remembrance Service. It is always a really fitting end to Dudley's tribute.

Everyone knows immigration can be controversial but I wasn't prepared for the reaction when I raised it with David Cameron.

I told the Commons that people in Dudley don't think people should come here to be unemployed. People should work and pay taxes before claiming benefits. They certainly don't think it's fair that child benefit is

## THE WAY I SEE IT



**Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views**

*"Immigration can be controversial — I knew some would not agree but I didn't anticipate being called a Nazi"*

claimed for children abroad. The emails and letters I've received show most people think that's common-sense. It didn't go down so well in Westminster.

The Prime Minister scoffed and sneered, saying I shouldn't raise the issue. The Guardian said I'd stood up to "add his jackboot to immigrants"! I knew some would not agree but I didn't anticipate being called a Nazi.

I don't go to Parliament to say what the London elite want to hear. I'm there to speak up for people in Dudley.

I've been listening to local people and raising their concerns since I became an MP nine years ago. I told the Labour Government it

was making mistakes — including on Eastern Europe — and immigration was too high. But this Government gets it wrong too. David Cameron promised he'd get immigration down to the tens of thousands but it's gone up to over 240,000. The asylum system is in chaos and foreign criminals are not being deported.

I've always said that if you want to live in Britain you must be prepared to work hard and pay your way, obey the law and speak English. There's no other way to play a full part in British society.

Most people think that if you have the skills we need and are working and contributing you're welcome but they also think people shouldn't be free to claim

benefits without paying in first. That's just not fair to people working hard and paying taxes.

I promise that if elected next May I will push for these measures in a new Immigration Bill.

Reform the benefits system. People must wait before claiming and should only get benefits after paying in. No Child Benefit for children abroad.

Tighter border controls. The border force has been cut so the number stopped and sent home has fallen by 45 per cent. They need more resources.

Bring back fingerprinting at Calais. The Government scrapped fingerprinting so illegal immigrants can't be identified and turned round. Deport foreign criminals. People guilty of serious crimes should be banned from coming in the first place.

Charge for NHS care. People who come to Britain should pay up front or their country should foot the bill.

Councils should adopt the policy we have in Dudley where you only get on the housing list if you've lived or worked locally for two years.

The minimum wage must be enforced to stop unscrupulous employers exploiting foreign labour and undercutting British workers. Raise fines to £50,000, ban exploitative zero hours contracts and stop recruitment agencies hiring solely overseas. If a large firm can't find a British worker to fill a vacancy and has to hire abroad, they should train a British apprentice too.

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## Singer says no to £500m deal

ROBERT Plant has reportedly turned down more than £500 million to take part in a Led Zeppelin reunion tour.

The rock legend was promised the huge sum from Richard Branson in return for 35 dates in three cities. But despite all the other members of the group signing up, Plant reportedly ripped up the contract.

The tour would have earned the singer and fellow founders Jimmy Page and John Paul Jones £190 million each before tax. But Plant, aged 66, said it wasn't the right thing to do. A source said: "They have tried to talk him round but there is no chance. His mind is made up and that's that."

The cash was to be split between Plant, Page, 70, and Jones, 68, while Jason Bonham, 48, son of late drummer John, would have been paid a wage to perform.

## War painting has vanished



A detail from the oil painting that is feared stolen from Dudley's collection of art

A PRICELESS painting depicting a Brierley Hill war hero rescuing a fallen soldier from the trenches has gone missing.

The oil painting depicting First World War soldier Sergeant William Jordan rescuing a wounded comrade in May 1915, was painted by artist Francis Gibbons. Mr Gibbons, who lived in Wordsley, donated it as a gift to be hung in Brierley Hill council chamber in 1917.

The picture was later moved to Brierley Hill's old free library, in Moor Street, and remained there until the 1970s when it was moved to the new library in High Street.

Sgt WH Jordan, of the South Staffordshire Regiment, who lived in Campbell Street, Brockmoor, died on the opening day of the Battle of Loos on September 25, 1915.

The painting's history was researched by members of Brierley Hill Civic Society who

## Mexican food outlet up for business prize

BURRITO Kitchen has been refuelling weary shoppers at Merry Hill shopping centre for nearly two years.

Its range of fast Mexican food has proved a hit since 25-year-old entrepreneur Tim Stillwell, a former contestant on TV's The Apprentice, opened it after appearing on the hit BBC show.

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Tim, from Birmingham, was inspired for fresh Mexican food when spending a year abroad.

# Cannabis farm move was bid to buy grandparents a kitchen

**A MAN who allowed his property to be used for the production of cannabis, so he could pay for a new kitchen for his grandparents, has walked free from court.**

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Talwinder Singh Sandhu rented a property in Dudley after being offered £10,000 by criminals.

Sandhu, aged 20, of Furlong Walk, Lower Gornal, was handed a 10-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, after pleading guilty to allowing his premises to be used for the produc-

tion of cannabis. He was also ordered to do 125 hours unpaid community work and pay £250 costs plus £100 victim surcharge.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said that in May Sandhu took on the lease of premises in Brettell Street, Dudley.

On June 25 police raided the property and found two rooms turned over to the production of cannabis.

They found 117 cannabis plants, 66 in a mature state, and 51 seedlings.

"The mature plants alone had a value of between £12,000 and £48,000, depending on the

yield," he said. "If they were split up, the street value would have been very much more."

Sandhu told police he was not involved in the production of the plants but had been offered £10,000 to allow his premises to be used for that purpose. "He said he was going to by his grandparents a new kitchen with some of the money, and keep the rest for himself," added Mr Searle.

Mr Mukhtar Ubhi, for Sandhu, said a suspended sentence would be appropriate and Sandhu was starting work for his father.

Judge Robin Onions told Sandhu: "You are really a rather silly young man."

## Mayor's festive card contest

BUDDING photographers across Dudley have been invited to compete to have their work featured on the Mayor of Dudley's official Christmas card this year.

Pictures can be submitted via Dudley Council's Flickr site with the winning image being delivered to hundreds of people.

The Mayor will choose her preferred picture for her greetings card and the winning photographer will be invited for a reception at the Council House in Dudley.

Councillor Margaret Aston, Mayor of Dudley, said: "This year I want to promote the work of our talented photographers."

Entries need to be submitted by November 28 at [www.flickr.com/groups/dudley-borough-share-and-promote-it](http://www.flickr.com/groups/dudley-borough-share-and-promote-it)



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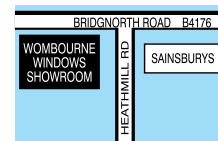
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# Family relieved over heart surgeon's decision to resign

## Thieves ruin rising star rider's dreams



Quarry Bank motocross rider Kyai Bailey, aged 13, in the van from where his bikes were stolen

AN up-and-coming motocross rider who has been selected for the British Youth National side has spoken of his sadness after thieves stole his two bikes worth up to £10,000 just hours after a competition.

Kyai Bailey's parents say his dreams have been shattered after the bikes were taken by raiders who broke into a van where they had been kept.

Thieves smashed windows to get into the van, owned by Kyai's father Matthew who runs pallet company Paltech, in Halesowen, in the early hours on Monday, November 3.

The van was parked on the drive way of Kyai's grandparents home in Park Walk, Quarry Bank.

The 13-year-old, who attends The Wordsley School, said: "I am really shocked. It is heartbreaking."

The two machines are both big-wheeled KTM bikes, worth a total of around £10,000. Both had distinctive markings including the number 381.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

## 490 children are waiting to be adopted now

ALMOST 500 children are waiting to be adopted in the West Midlands.

First4Adoption, the national adoption information service for England, revealed that 250,000 people used the service since it launched in January 2013, with new figures released by the Department for Education showing 490 children are waiting to be adopted in the West Midlands.

Gemma Gordon-Johnson, head of service at First4Adoption, said: "There have been important improvements in the adoption system that has made it easier to place children with families as quickly as possible. But there is still more

to be done. We need more people to come forward and start their adoption story if the needs of all children, for who adoption is the best option, are going to be met."

The independent organisation is run by a consortium of children's charities and supported by the Department for Education, was set up to create greater transparency around the adoption process.

Families Minister Edward Timpson, who has two adopted brothers, said: "With thousands of children across the country still waiting for a loving home, it's vital we continue to do all we can to recruit new parents."

**A WIDOW whose husband died after heart surgery has welcomed the resignation of the surgeon involved.**

Ian Wilson left New Cross Hospital for 'personal reasons' last month.

Mr Wilson had been sacked from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, after being accused of fiddling surgery results.

He has also been criticised by the Birmingham and Solihull coroner who is investigating 15 deaths.

### Extensive

The coroner found surgery undertaken by Mr Wilson had been 'more extensive than necessary' in three of the deaths. One of the cases involved Peter Brookes, aged 72, from Halesowen, in 2011. He needed a triple heart bypass but his wife Margaret said that more was done.

By Tim Spiers

"I'm pleased that he's left New Cross. There's been a lot of anger and grief in the past three years," she said.

"The QE have been very supportive with us and we can't believe everything has gone on this long. He never said sorry for what happened at all to any of the families involved."

A General Medical Council inquiry into Mr Wilson is ongoing.

He had initially been working at New Cross on a voluntary basis, under intense supervision, before working as a locum.

The inquest concluded that the operation on Mr Brookes was more extensive than was necessary and led to extra time in theatre, causing more harm.

Coroner Louise Hunt said this triggered low blood pressure and a cardiac arrest which caused brain damage. Mr

Brookes suffered further cardiac arrests in intensive care.

She made identical comments in recording narrative verdicts into the deaths of Alan Tringham, who had surgery in June 2012, and Alan Lucas, whose operation was in April 2012.

An internal investigation at the University Hospitals Birmingham (UHB) Trust found Mr Wilson under reported the length of time that 500 patients were on bypass by a total of 329 hours – or 13.7 days.

### Waiting

Mrs Brookes said: "We're now waiting to see what happens with the GMC inquiry, but we hope that he doesn't end up working somewhere else."

UHB alleged that Mr Wilson had shortened the length of time his patients were recorded on heart-lung bypass to give the impression his operations were going more smoothly than they were.

## Foreign suspects and criminals are being sent home

MORE than 200 convicted and suspected foreign criminals — including alleged murderers, rapists and fraudsters — have been arrested and removed from the West Midlands over five years under the European Arrest Warrant.

Figures released by the Home Office show that in the region, 223 wanted individuals have been surrendered to foreign authorities under the measure. More than 50 people had been wanted for alleged theft offences, 16 for alleged drugs trafficking and 33 for suspected fraud.

The figures included four alleged murderers, six suspected rapists, nine suspected armed robbers and eight people wanted for alleged immigration and human trafficking offences.

Off the 223, 123 were surrendered to Poland. Other countries included the Czech Republic with 18 and Lithuania with 13.

In the last five years, 2,534 convicted and suspected foreign criminals have been arrested and removed from the 10 largest urban areas of England and Wales using the measure.

The Home Office has said it was determined to hunt down and remove foreign offenders and warned powers to remove murderers, paedophiles, traffickers and rapists would be significantly diminished without the European Arrest Warrant. It was not in place, 22 European member states would refuse to extradite their own nationals back to Britain.

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# X-rated Cheryl is still Only Human

Reviews by Leon Burakowski

**CHERYL** has changed her surname so many times that it has apparently been dropped now that she has released her fourth album, *Only Human* (Polydor).

Never the strongest singer in Girls Aloud, her solo material has seldom lived up to her celebrity but she is getting things mostly right on *Only Human*, despite courting controversy with her liberal use of the F-word. We know she can do up-tempo dance-pop, I Don't (xxxxing) Care, the quirky Crazy Stupid Love (with guest Tinie Tempah) and frantic Firecracker (on the deluxe album) prove that. But this time she actually achieves a decent ballad the, admittedly vocodered, title track.

Blending Philadelphia smooth disco with Bacharach-like pop sophistication, **Rumer** returns with an album of new material that lives up to the promise of her million-selling debut *Seasons of the Soul*. **Into Colour** (Atlantic Records), featuring the 70s sounding Dangerous, is a mellow album and well-crafted to appeal to fans of The Carpenters and Carly Simon.

**Jessie J** has finally broken big in America with *Bang Bang*, helped by guest Nicki Minaj. It is a stand-out track on her third album *Sweet Talker* (Lava) on which stateside R&B dominates her Essex girl pop. Other highlights include retro 80s club groove Seal Me With A Kiss (featuring De La Soul) and Burnin' Up. Lyrically Jessie seems obsessed with people who don't like her music. She's in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on January 27.

American rock veteran singer-songwriter **Jackson Browne** takes a weary look at the world and gently urges defiance to the friends of fracking and



Fourth album from singer and X Factor judge Cheryl Fernandez-Versini



After a Slow start, silky smooth-voiced Rumer has returned

firearms on his 14th album *Standing In The Breach* (Inside Recordings). He is in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday, November 17.

**Edwin Starr** was, until his death in 2003, the UK's favourite soul man thanks to his decision to leave the US to pursue his career in Britain, basing himself near Birmingham. His 1971 funk and soul album *Involved* has been remastered and reissued on CD by BBR. It includes his best known song, War, plus covers including Sly Stone's Stand and George Harrison's My Sweet Lord. The package includes 14 bonus tracks. Or experience Motown's rawest voice on the remastered reissue 1968 debut *Soul Master* including hits Agent Double-O-Soul, Stop Her On Sight, Headline News.

The bonus tracks include his Northern Soul classic Back Street. There are lots of Northern Soul compilations but if you want to dig a little deeper check out *Dancing By Myself: Lost In Northern Soul* for a plethora of vintage stompers. Raiding 60s soul vaults this 22-track CD from Cherry Red's Righteous label unearths gems such as The Five Royales' Catch That Teardrop and I Need You by the Van Dells. But Miss Orangatang by Lincoln Chase should probably have remained buried.

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Evacuees and local children from Newborough village school



Daphne Slade, left, with her distant aunt and uncle in Norton Canes



Ray and Reg Williams were evacuated to Colton from Westgate-on-Sea



Peter Phipps of Margate was billeted in Hednesford

## Emotive look at Children on the Move during war

**THE stories of children sent away to live with new families during the Second World War is being told in an exhibition.**

Many youngsters from across England ended up in Staffordshire as they were ushered away from the firing line. And they built up relationships with their new families that ended up lasting a lifetime.

Evocative images are on display at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford in the Children on the Move exhibition.

Among the evacuees was Daphne Slade, who was evacuated from London to Norton Canes at the age of five. She remembers clearly the blackout in London and how the kerbs were painted so people 'wouldn't knock into each other' as they walked.

Her parents had letters about the evacuation and decided to send Daphne and her sister on 'The City of Benares', a ship travelling to Canada.

They were sent instead with a distant auntie and uncle in Norton Canes and travelled there by train by themselves. The couple were publicans and

### MEMORY LANE

By Adam Burling

Daphne learned to play the piano in their bar. When the London bombing got worse her parents moved in with them and then got a house three doors down.

Ivy Field, from Birmingham, ended up at Pipewood boarding school for girls near Rugeley. She had originally been taken to Henley-in-Arden in Warwickshire before being transferred.

At Pipewood, Ivy spent a lot of time outside with the rest of the boarders, tending to chickens and her little vegetable patch, and attending the local church on Sundays.

She can remember the monthly Sunday visits by her family, and received one or two visits from her cousin who was based at Hednesford.

Ivy said she thanks her time at Pipewood for teaching her skills she might otherwise not have had the chance to learn, like typing, filleting fish and dancing. While she was at Pipewood her house received a direct hit, so she

could never return to her original family home. All of her family had been out of the house at the time, and so they were all safe.

Another Pipewood evacuee was Ethel Ridley, who travelled there from Sparkbrook in Birmingham.

Children such as Shirley Webb had come from as far away as Kent, where she left behind her parents to stay in Colton.

Along with her brother, they were taken to the biggest house in the village which stood in its own grounds.

They were taken care of by their 18-year-old daughter who did not really know how to look after small children. Shirley and her brother ended up spending more time with the house servants. They shared their meals with the servants and the cook in particular was a lovely lady who used to take them back to her home in Rugeley.

The exhibition runs until December 19. Collections officer Yvonne Cooper said: "There is a wide range of stories about children that were evacuated."

"We have complemented it with artefacts from our own Second World War collection, which adds more to it."



Miss Evans-Rose, headmistress at Pipewood boarding camp took this shot of girls getting ready for bed

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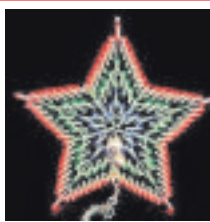
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# Moving tale of First World War courage

**Regeneration, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre**  
WITH perfect timing as we approached November 11, the stage adaptation of Pat Barker's trilogy, *Regeneration*, opened at Wolverhampton.

It is a traumatic tale of the horrors of the First World War where boys became men through a series of unspeakable experiences. Yet there are moments of subtle wit, bringing light relief to this moving piece. The

action takes place in psychiatric hospital where a renowned neurologist is tasked with ensuring young officers are in sufficient state to return to the trenches.

Condensing three novels into one two and a half hour play is not an easy task, but Nicholas Wright's seamless script achieved this with ease.

Stephen Boxer as Captain Rivers gave an emotional, understated performance, while Tim Delap as poet

Siegfried Sassoon offered a powerful depiction and Garmon Rhys was superb as gentle soul Wilfred Owen. The evening really belonged to the extraordinary portrayal of Billy Prior, a working class lad promoted to officer, by Jack Monaghan who perfectly depicted a soldier hiding his fear.

It was a well performed adaptation of a story from a thought-provoking period of history, lest we forget.

**Alison Norton**

## Three get hands on with show

**Show of Hands**  
**Town Hall, Birmingham**  
INDIVIDUALLY Steve Knightley, Phil Beer and Miranda Sykes are excellent and respected musicians but as *Show of Hands* they put on a show which is superb.

Their faultless and versatile abilities on a wide range of instruments and their easy and friendly manner made an almost two hour show just fly by.

With both Beer and Knightley on guitars and Sykes with her trademark double bass they went straight into *Be Lucky*.

Beer then picked up the fiddle he plays so well for the appropriately titled *Blind Fiddler*.

The instrument swapping went on all night with only Sykes staying glued to her bass except for her solo.

The packed audience lapped up *The Old Lich Way* a haunting ballad, *Go Light the Lantern*, *I'll Haunt You* and a couple from their new Remembrance album *Centenary* featuring the voice of Downton Abbey's Jim Carter.

**Danny Farragher**

## REVIEWS

### Mir-fan-das out for YouTube star

**Miranda Sings, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton**  
THE YouTube phenomenon kicked off her UK tour in front of full house of her besotted Mir-fan-das, mostly teenage followers of her viral internet foolery.

Californian singer, comedian and actress Colleen Ballinger arrived on stage as herself, giving a fine rendition of *Defying Gravity* during which she transformed into her comically inept alter-ego. Swapping her sparkly dress for a pair of baggy red tracksuit bottoms, an oversized man's shirt and kicking off her heels for a pair of Crocs, the transmutation was completed with a severe centre parting and a smear of lurid red 'listik'.

So began a 70-minute audience with the word-mangling, pitch-imperfect, egotist whose bizarre renditions of pop hits and show tunes, campaign against 'porn' (that is basically an-

thing even vaguely sexual) and rants against her 'haters' has won her around two and a half million subscribers on YouTube.

There was some great physical comedy. Miranda's alternative to twerking has to be seen to be believed and her recreation of her own birth, singing Lady Gaga's *Born This Way*, was a hoot. As she told us, she was always famous, it's just that everyone else knows it now.

The perils of audience participation were apparent when one male fan looked like taking rudeness out of her comfort zone during a pretend dating scene but Miranda stayed psycho soprano enough to keep control.

Best of all was when she read out hate posts from internet trolls dim enough to think Miranda is for real. Some of them sounded way more crazy than Ballinger's comic creation.

**Leon Burakowski**

## True Faith as Paloma defied doc

**Paloma Faith, Symphony Hall, Birmingham**

FORTY eight hours before this gig the Hackney soul singer had been in hospital on a drip but defied doctor's advice to continue her tour.

Any fears that a below par performance would result were allayed by a blistering *Trouble With My Baby* and Paloma the trouper, dressed in a thigh high black dress with cameo details, took her iconic funky diva pose on top of the piano.

Each album for Paloma is a new start and it was her third and latest album *A Perfect Contradiction* that yielded the majority of her 90 minute set, opening with *Take Me*. There were no songs from her debut and only *Picking Up The Pieces* from her second.

A stunning version of *River Deep Mountain High* was performed in tribute to her inspiration Tina Turner. If Miss Faith could be this good when unwell, in a seated venue on a Monday night, next Saturday's gig at a standing room only Wolverhampton Civic should be a stormer.

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## Feel the noise at Slade convention

A CONVENTION for fans of Black Country rock legends Slade is being held in Bilston next spring.

Music venue The Robin 2 and the Slade Fan Club are staging the event on April 25 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the band's cult movie Slade In Flame.

The convention, which will include a showing of the film, will run from noon with an evening performance by tribute band Slade.

Slade memorabilia will be on sale and there will also be a quiz and showing of rare videos of the band, which was led in its heyday by Noddy Holder.

All day tickets are £14 in advance and £15 on the day. Evening only is £9 in advance and £10 on the day.

## Comic is top of charity variety bill

BLACK Country comic Doug Parker is the headline act at a charity variety show later this month.

BBC Radio WM's Jenny Wilkes is the guest compere at the Prince of Wales Centre in Cannock for the fundraiser on Tuesday, November 25.

It starts at 7.30pm and is in aid of the Black Country branch of the MS Society, one of the Mayor of Walsall Councillor Pete Smith's nominated charities.

Vocalists Nick De Jarr and Nicole will also perform.

Tickets are £10.50 and available from the Church Street theatre's box office on 01543 578762.

# Liberty and death theme for opera season with passion

ONE of the world's most popular and passionate operas, Bizet's *Carmen*, is brought by Welsh National Opera to Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

Staged on Wednesday and Thursday, the story of a free spirit who would rather die than surrender her liberty will be conducted by James Southall.

Mezzo-soprano Alessandra Volpe will sing the title role of *Carmen* with Peter Wedd singing the role of Don Jose.

It will be sung in French with surtitles in English.

The battle cry is 'Liberty or Death' for WNO this autumn with a trio of operas exploring national and personal liberation.

## Moses

Two new productions, Rossini's *William Tell* and *Moses in Egypt*, will explore the liberty of nations, while *Carmen* examines what it means to be a free woman.

A grand Biblical epic composed in Naples, *Moses in Egypt* was one of Rossini's early operas. This new production, staged on November 21, examines the Exodus story using powerful music and costumes inspired by the vibrant colours of artist Marc Chagall.

Hungarian bass-baritone Miklós Sebastyén will sing the role of Moses with Barry Banks singing the role of Aronne. Mezzo Soprano and

By Leon Burakowski

former BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artist Christine Rice will sing the role of Amaltea.

Rossini's *William Tell*, being staged on November 22, is an epic political and romantic work. Rossini's last opera, *William Tell* is the story of the Swiss struggle for independence against Austria. The role of William Tell will be sung by David Kempster.

As well as uplifting music, *William Tell* will feature striking sets designed by Raimund Bauer, spectacular 19th century costumes designed by Marie-Jeanne Lecca and lavish dance sequences choreographed by Amir Hosseinpour.

The dream-like *Slava's* Snowshow continues at the Hippodrome until Sunday.

Pool cues replace swords in Frantic Assembly's modern, highly physical updating of Shakespeare's *Othello* at Birmingham Rep tonight (Thursday) to Saturday.



Pan's people — Liam Hewitt, Ryan Harris, Maya Bowles, Abii Studwicke, Darci Dobson, Alex Clarke and Maison Kelley as the boy who could fly

## Pan ready for flight of fancy

PETER Pan is making a flying visit to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Bilston Operatic Society is preparing for its musical version of JM Barrie's much-loved tale of the boy who never grew up and his adventures in Neverland, facing Captain Hook and his crew of scurvy pirates.

Young actors will be fitted for a flying harness and have been learning moves on a flying rig that will be replicated for the show next week at the Lichfield Street venue.

The cast includes Abii Studwicke and Lucy Follows as Wendy, Alex Clarke and Ryan Harris as John, Liam Hewitt and Tom Horton as Michael, and Darci Dobson and Maya Bowles as Tinkerbell. In the title role, flying across the stage will be Maison Kelley.

Peter Pan runs from Tuesday to Saturday. Call the box office on 01902 429212 or go online to [www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk)

## Hugh and Hazel are joining forces

TWO stars from the New Wave era are joining forces at Bilston venue The Robin 2 later this month.

Former frontman of The Stranglers Hugh Cornwell will be bringing his band for a joint concert with singer Hazel O'Connor, kicking off their tour at the Mount Pleasant venue on Tuesday, November 25.

Each will perform their own set, Cornwell performing Stranglers classics plus music from his latest album *Totem And Taboo*. O'Connor also has a new album, *Here She Comes*, and will play hits from the movie *Breaking Glass* including the classic *Will You*. She is joined by former Belle Stars saxophonist Clare Hirst. Tickets are £20 advance or £22 on the night. Call 01902 401211.

## Singer is bringing blues back home

FORMER Black Country schoolgirl turned international blues star Joanne Shaw Taylor will be back in the West Midlands on Saturday.

Guitarist Joanne, who played her first gig as a 15-year-old at the original Robin R'n'B Club in Brierley Hill, will be performing at Birmingham Town Hall. She was voted Best British Female Vocalist at the British Blues Awards in 2010 and 2011.

Joanne, who has homes in Birmingham and Detroit, will perform songs from new album *The Dirty Truth* at the concert. Support from Bernie Marsden. Tickets are priced £17.50.



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BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Rugby League: Four Nations Final Highlights. **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. Wales v Fiji (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Children in Need: The Best Bits. **5.50** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.10** **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong invites TV stars Vanessa Feltz, Penny Smith, Kriss Akabusi, Roger Black, Keith Chegwin, Andrew Castle, Louie Spence and Carol McGiffin to compete. **7.00** **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly, Claudia Winkleman and the Strictly entourage head to Blackpool's world-famous Tower Ballroom, the spiritual home of dancing, for this week's edition. Over the years its elegant surroundings have been host to thousands of amateur and professional dancers – and tonight the tradition continues as the nine celebrity hoopers and their partners battle to get their names at the top of the leaderboard and avoid the fate of last week's eliminated couple. As they perform a mixture of routines, they'll be hoping to impress judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell, but they'll also need viewers' votes to keep them out of tomorrow's dreaded dance-off. **8.30** **Atlantis.** New series. The fantasy drama returns, with Queen Ariadne caught up in a war with former stepmother Pasiphae. As the kingdom stands on the brink of collapse, Jason is her only hope. **9.15** **Casualty.** A patient with serious facial injuries refuses to admit to staff how they were caused, while a suspicious death leads Lily on a murder mystery. **10.05** **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin is joined by singer Donny Osmond as she reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws. **10.15** **BBC News:** Weather. **10.35** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Brendan O'Carroll stars. (R) **11.05** **Jack Whitehall Live:** National Lottery Update. **12.05** **EastEnders.** (R) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.05 Film:** My Forbidden Past. (1951) **7.15** Rugby League: Four Nations. **10.00** The Life of Birds. (R) **10.50** Animal Park. (R) **11.20** Coast. **12.00** Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey. (R) **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. The opening singles semi-final at the O2 in London. **5.00** Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v New Zealand (Kick-off 5.30pm). **7.30** **Flog It! Trade Secrets.** Paul Martin and the team give advice on collecting items that commemorate people or events, and Michael Baggott digs out a special set of paper plates. **8.00** **Perry and Croft: Made in Britain.** New series. A celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry, examining how their work can be viewed as unique chronicle of the UK in the 20th century. **8.30** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the platoon are asked to provide a guard of honour for a train carrying George VI passing through Walmington-on-Sea, but another locomotive confounds their plans. (R) **9.00** **QI XL.** The Rev Richard Coles, Sarah Millican, David Mitchell and Alan Davies answer questions about jobs. **9.45** **War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme.** The Battle of the Somme in 1916 is one of the most well-known battles of the First World War, remembered for its bloodshed and its limited territorial gains, and more writers and poets fought in it than in any other battle in history. Michael Sheen narrates this documentary, which details the experiences of authors including Siegfried Sassoon, Robert Graves, David Jones, Isaac Rosenberg and JRR Tolkien, looking at how their writing was informed and transformed by the conflict. The film uses animation, documentary accounts, surviving artefacts and battalion war diaries to reconnect the literature to the events and landscape that inspired it. **11.15** **TOTP2.** Mark Radcliffe introduces archive performances by Fine Young Cannibals, Badfinger, Kriss Kross, Elvis Costello, Luisa Sobral and Dymidi Lauer. (2009) **1.45** **Film:** Undertow. (2009) **3.20** This Is BBC Two.

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**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** The Munch Box. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder. She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **12.30** Surprise Surprise. (R) **1.30** Faith in the Future. (R) **2.00** Doc Martin. (R) **3.05** Keep It in the Family. (R) **4.05** Regional Programme: Weather. **4.15** ITV News: Weather. **4.30** Live International Football. England v Slovenia (Kick-off 5.00pm). **7.15** **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Radio 2 DJ Jo Whiley, Benidorm barman Jake Canuso, Law & Order: UK's Georgia Taylor and comedian Marcus Brigstocke compete to win thousands of pounds for charity by taking on one of the show's resident trivia experts in a test of their general knowledge. However, they must work as a team to build their prize pot and stay one step ahead of the Chaser. **8.15** **The X Factor.** The remaining acts get into the swing of things for the return of Big Band Week. Battling to win praise from the judges and viewers' votes, they'll be hoping to sound better than ever with the support of live musicians, as they take on old classics and give modern pop songs a jazz twist. Dermot O'Leary provides a friendly face on stage as Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh give their verdicts. **9.55** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to actress Carey Mulligan, chef Gordon Ramsay, opera singer Katherine Jenkins and comedy legend Michael Palin. Music comes courtesy of rock band Kasabian. **10.55** **ITV News:** Weather. **11.10** **International Football Highlights.** England v Slovenia. Action from the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at Wembley Stadium, where the hosts were looking to secure a fourth successive victory. **12.10** **Jackpot247.** **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.05** NFL: Rush Zone. **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.25** River Rat Race Stockton. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Wetherby. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.05** **Come Dine with Me.** All-American mother Natasha Ingham hosts the final dinner party from Lincolnshire, hoping to impress her guests with a dish entitled "fall off your horse back bottom pie". (R) **6.35** **Channel 4 News.** **7.05** **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorcycle racer makes a bold attempt to set a world speed record for a hovercraft, knowing that at speeds of more than 80mph, even the most experienced pilots can lose control. (R) **8.00** **Walking Through History: Nazi Occupation – Channel Islands.** Tony Robinson heads to Guernsey and Jersey to tell the story of the islands' surrender to the Nazis during the Second World War. In Guernsey, he hears of the first bombing raid that heralded the German troops' arrival and sees the spot where the first-ever British commando landed in secret, only to see the planned revenge raid fail spectacularly. A ferry then takes him on to Jersey, where he finds almost all of its beaches have a bunker or a machine gun post left over from the conflict. **9.00** **It Was Alright in the 1970s.** Part one of two. Matt Lucas narrates a look back at the decade's TV shows, beginning with themes of pleasure and leisure, including outrageous adult jokes in pre-watershed sitcoms. **10.00** **Film: Chronicle.** (2012) Premiere. Three teenagers develop superhuman abilities, but one of them is corrupted by his new power. Sci-fi thriller, starring Dane DeHaan and Michael B Jordan. **11.40** **Film: Max Payne.** (2008) Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg. **1.30** **Film: Shell.** (2012) **3.05** Holyoaks. (R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.50** Access. **9.55** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **10.55** Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy. (R) **11.55** **Film:** The Christmas Heart. (2012) Drama, starring Teri Polo. **1.40** **Film:** Help for Christmas. (2012) Fantasy, starring Summer Glau. **3.20** **Film:** Christmas Mail. (2010) Festive romantic comedy, starring Ashley Scott and AJ Buckley. **5.10** **Film:** A Grandpa for Christmas. (2007) Family comedy, starring Ernest Borgnine. **6.55** **5 News Weekend.** **7.00** **Film: Battle of Britain.** (1969) In 1940, the Luftwaffe launches a campaign of aerial attacks against Britain to gain control of the skies ahead of a planned land invasion. Under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding, the RAF mounts a determined defence over the summer and autumn, despite being heavily outnumbered and forced to match inexperienced pilots against German veterans. Second World War drama, starring Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine, Robert Shaw, Christopher Plummer, Harry Andrews, Trevor Howard and Curt Jurgens. Edited for violence and language. **9.35** **Film: The Wild Geese.** (1978) A corporation hoping to bring about the downfall of an African dictator hires a group of British mercenaries to free a political prisoner dangerous to the regime. However, when the company changes its plans and makes a deal with the tyrant, the soldiers and the man they have saved are left surrounded by hostile military forces with no escape route. Action adventure, starring Richard Burton, Roger Moore, Richard Harris and Hardy Kruger. **12.15** **Gotham.** Gordon and Bullock search for a man distributing vials of a drug that makes users super-strong, while Bruce tries to establish Wayne Enterprises' role in the Arkham project. (R) **1.10** **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** **The Gadget Show.** Jon Bentley examines the best deals available for home TV, phone and broadband, and Jason Bradbury tests an underwater jetpack in one of the world's deepest swimming pools. (R) **4.00** **House Doctor.** A cluttered house in Cradley Heath, West Midlands. (R) **4.25** **Make It Big.** (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** World's Craziest Fools **7.30** International Rugby Union **8.30** Top Gear **9.15** Sherlock **10.50** Family Guy **1.25** Life is a Piff **1.55** The Revolution Will Be Televised **2.25** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.55** Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents **3.55** Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Swamp: Nature's Incredible Invasions **8.00** The Riviera: A History in Pictures **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.35** Krakatoa Revealed **11.25** Swamp: Nature's Incredible Invasions **12.25** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **1.25** Deep Purple – Made in Japan **2.25** Sounds of the Eighties **3.00** The Riviera: A History in Pictures **4.00** Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.15** You've Been Framed! **12.15** Film: Twister (1996) **2.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Trials and Tribulations **3.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Best of the Bush **4.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Crown Jewels **5.45** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **7.40** Film: Dungeons and Dragons (2000) **9.55** The Xtra Factor **10.55** Celebrity Juice **11.40** The X Factor **1.15** The Xtra Factor **2.10** Fake Reaction **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**1.00** Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (2000) **2.55** A Touch of Frost **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsummer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **12.45** Bomb Girls **1.30** World Kitchen **1.55** Movies Now **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**11.00** World Rally Championship Highlights **11.25** ST Academy **12.00** The Professionals **1.05** Film: Billion Dollar Brain (1967) **3.15** Alias Smith and Jones **5.55** Film: The War Wagon (1967) **8.00** Storage Wars **9.00** Film: Never Say Never Again (1983) **11.45** Film: Klitschko (2011) **2.00** The Professionals **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
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**11.00** Melissa & Joey **1.00** Made in Chelsea **2.00** Film: Space Chimps (2008) **3.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.00** Melissa & Joey **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Love & Other Drugs (2010) **11.15** Rude Tube **12.20** The Inbetweeners **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.25** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.55** The 100 **4.40** Make It or Break It  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **1.00** Hairspray (2007) **3.25** The War of the Worlds (1953) **5.10** Dark Star (1974) **6.50** The Time Traveler's Wife (2009) **9.00** Zombieland (2009) **10.45** Attack the Block (2011) **12.30** Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (2010) **2.10** Re-Animator (1985) **4.00** Close



Grimefighter TV star Lew Carrington

LEWIS Carrington was born to be a star. A natural funnyman, he won the nation's hearts in the TV documentary Grimefighters. Known as Lew to his friends, he laughs easily as he recalls his brush with fame and as the unlikely adopted ambassador for the city of Wolverhampton. Topping 1,500 members of his Grimefighters' Fan Club on social networking website Facebook, Lew had his supporters clamouring for him to appear in the New Year's Honours list. Still a well-known character on the city streets four years after sharing his unique take on life before the cameras, Lew is now enjoying retirement from his life of grime

and a cameo appearance on Harry Hill's Get Toasted. But hidden beneath the smiles and priceless one-liners, the jovial comic genius was struggling with another often-comedic subject – dentures. And indirectly, the former environmental waste operative owes his celebrity status to an ill-fitting set of them. "I could have retired from the council earlier, but wanted to save enough money to get my problem fixed," says Lew. Wife Gill adds: "He'd seen the stories in the papers about how other people had their problems sorted out and had also done a lot of internet research."

## Come and meet our dentist Polly

As part of improvements for the patient experience at North Street a general dentistry practice works alongside the denture prescribing team.

"This one-stop service has always been the case, but people are still finding out about North Street Dental Clinic," said principal Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353. Dental surgeon Polly (GDC No 188090), a Doctor of Dental Medicine with a particular interest in restorative, cosmetic and paediatric fields, looks after the patients. She joined the

team in Dudley after working in Michigan at one of America's most prestigious cosmetic dental centres.

A dental plan practice, it offers everything from a simple filling to complex restorative procedures and implant dentistry. Initial consultations are complementary.

North Street Dental Clinic

# Star quality

## Lew gets last laugh with failing teeth

“My top denture wasn’t too bad, but the lower moved all around with eating and laughing was risky. I’d had the trouble for years – every time I’d have a bit of tough steak, I was done for.”

“I was a bit apprehensive, but I need not have been. I had two implants to stabilise my lower denture and I never felt a thing. I expected a lot of discomfort, but after a couple of days I was absolutely fine.

“Steve made me the over-dentures for the bottom and a new top set of teeth. They are absolutely great. Nothing was too much trouble for any of the friendly staff and going to see Steve was a pleasure.

“Going to the dentist had never been so good and I am over the moon with the results.”

On his star role in Grimefighters, Lew recalls: “There were some funny moments. We’d had a call to pick up a dead cat in Penfields. They said the animal was on the end of a drive. I looked everywhere and couldn’t see it.

“There was a charity collection going on in the road where people had left clothing in bags for pick up. By the time I’d found out that the cat had been put into one of them, it had been collected by the charity and the van was disappearing down the road.

“Somebody was going to get a surprise,” adds Lew with a wry smile.

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## CHOICE



Ant and Dec

**I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!**

(TV, 9pm)

New series. A fresh batch of famous faces wave goodbye to their lives of luxury and set up camp in the Australian wilderness for up to three weeks, battling bugs and Bush Tucker Trials, rations and rain, and heat and hunger, all in the name of entertainment. As ever, there are plenty of rumours about this year's line-up, with soon-to-be former Hollyoaks star Gemma Merna, Georgie Shore's Vicky Pattinson and Katie Price's cage-fighting ex Alex Reid among those tipped to be competing for the jungle crown. Ant and Dec follow the daily drama.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.45** Gareth's All Star Choir. (R) **2.45** Gareth's All Star Choir. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** LifeLine. **4.10** Songs of Praise. **4.45** Life Story. (R) **5.45** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

**6.15** **Countryside.** Ellie Harrison visits Acton Scott, a working farm steeped in the ways of the past, to try her hand at some of the traditional skills people still practise today, including blacksmithing and making a cob oven with a group of children as they learn this skill. She also looks back through the Countryside archive for other items about the crafts of the countryside, including Matt Baker learning about wheelwrighting and Helen Skelton making rakes.

**7.15** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman are at Blackpool Tower Ballroom to reveal which pairs are in the dance-off, with performances by Shirley Bassey and McBusted.

**8.00** **Film: War Horse.** (2011) Premiere. A farmer's son forms a close bond with a horse he trains, but is forced to give the animal up when it is sold to the British army during the First World War. The horse passes through various owners on both sides as he travels across the battlefields of France, while the boy refuses to give up on being reunited. Steven Spielberg's drama based on Michael Morpurgo's book, starring Jeremy Irvine and Tom Hiddleston.

**10.15** **BBC News:** Regional News: Weather.

**10.45** **Michael McIntyre's Showtime.** Stand-up comedy performed at the O2 in London during his 10-night run in 2012, featuring stories about a horrific trip to the dentist and watching his wife get undressed. (R)

**11.45** **The Apprentice.** The entrepreneurs devise and sell their own board games, with one team coming up with a globetrotting game for the family and the other choosing something a little more risqué. (R)

**12.45** **Film: Repo Chick.** (2009) **2.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **6.30** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.30** Countryside. (R) **8.40** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **11.45** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.30** Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey. (R) **1.30** International Rugby Union. **2.25** **Film:** Up Periscope. (1959) **4.15** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **5.00** Film It!

**6.00** **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Coverage of the singles final of the season-ending competition from the O2 in London, where Novak Djokovic has been victorious for the last two years. Coverage continues on BBC3.

**7.00** **Human Universe.** Professor Brian Cox examines what the future holds for humanity, heading to Florida to learn about efforts to protect Earth from potential catastrophic events. Last in the series. (R)

**8.00** **The Mekong River with Sue Perkins.** The comedienne witnesses how deforestation and wildlife crime are stripping Cambodia of its last wild places, and spends time with the women of the Krung tribe.

**9.00** **World's Greatest Food Markets.** New series. Billingsgate fish merchant Roger Barton visits food markets around the globe, beginning at the New Fulton Fish Market in the Bronx, New York City.

**10.00** **Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R)

**10.30** **The Wrong Mans.** A case of mistaken identity catapults two council employees into the middle of a deadly criminal conspiracy. Comedy thriller, with James Corden and Matthew Baynton. (R)

**11.00** **The Wrong Mans.** Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens' wife. (R)

**11.30** **Film: Regeneration.** (1997) A psychiatrist helping traumatised soldiers return to duty during the First World War treats poet Siegfried Sassoon. Drama, starring Jonathan Pryce.

**1.20** Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News: Weather. **11.35** Film: Carry On Cowboy. (1966) **1.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.10** The Unforgettable Benny Hill. (R) **2.50** The X Factor. (R) **4.25** Downton Abbey. (R)

**6.00** **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill reveals what David Cameron gets up to behind the bins at Chequers, and why Lorraine Kelly is now testing Ross King's thongs. (R)

**6.30** **Regional Programme:** Weather.

**6.45** **ITV News:** Weather.

**7.00** **Keep It in the Family.** Coronation Street stars Kym Marsh, Samia Ghadie, Antony Cotton, Brooke Vincent, Mikey North and Bruno Langley help contestants win big prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts.

**8.00** **The X Factor Results.** Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes.

**9.00** **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** New series. A fresh batch of famous faces wave goodbye to their lives of luxury and set up camp in the Australian wilderness for up to three weeks, battling bugs and Bush Tucker Trials, rations and rain, and heat and hunger, all in the name of entertainment. As ever, there are plenty of rumours about this year's line-up, with soon-to-be former Hollyoaks star Gemma Merna, Georgie Shore's Vicky Pattinson and Katie Price's cage-fighting ex Alex Reid among those tipped to be competing for the jungle crown.

**10.40** **ITV News:** Weather.

**10.55** **Broadroom.** Part two of two. The stories of patients who are preparing to move out of the psychiatric hospital into medium secure units – the first step on the road to rejoining the community. (R)

**11.55** **Premiership Rugby Union.**

**12.50** The Store. **2.20** Motorsport UK. **3.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** NFL: The American Football Show. (R) **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. **1.20** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Fontwell.

**3.40** **Film:** 17 Again. (2009) Comedy, starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron.

**5.45** **Film:** Mirror Mirror. (2012) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts.

**7.40** **Channel 4 News.**

**8.00** **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorbike fan takes on the challenge of building the world's fastest soapbox racer in an attempt to set a new speed record using just the pull of gravity and a tarmac road. To get to grips with going blisteringly fast on a public road, Guy tries his hand at street luge with former global champion Helene Schmitz, before joining his team of engineers to explore the science of rolling resistance and the importance of tyre pressure.

Armed with what they believe to be the perfect formula, they produce a unique soapbox cart inspired by Mother Nature and, after training with the Team GB women's bobsled pair, confidence is high – but are disaster and mayhem just around the corner? Last in the series.

**9.00** **Homeland.** Carrie challenges a resentful Fara to show more commitment to their work, and puts her operation in motion – but as events reach a crucial point, there's a shock in store. CIA drama, starring Claire Danes, Rupert Friend, Mandy Patinkin and Nazan Bonaldi.

**10.00** **Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game.** The comedy comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire, regaling his audience with tales of middle age, marriage and a man's prerogative. (R)

**11.40** **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host is joined by Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis, who star in Horrible Bosses 2, and comedian Russell Howard. Singer-songwriter Lorde performs Yellow Flicker Beat. (R)

**12.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** According to Jim. (R) **1.25** American Football Live. **4.45** NFL: Rush Zone. **5.10** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Seaside Antics. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.45** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R)

**7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Wanda and the Alien. **8.35** Zack and Quack. **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.20** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.55** Access. (R) **10.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Film: The Good Witch's Charm. (2012) Drama sequel, starring Catherine Bell. **1.55** Film: A Star for Christmas. (2012) Festive drama, starring Briana Evigan. **3.40** Film: Farewell Mr Kringle. (2010) Christmas drama, with Christine Taylor. **5.25** Film: Dumb and Dumber. (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels.

**7.30** **5 News Weekend.**

**7.40** **Film: Superman II.** (1980) The Man of Steel meets his match in the form of three fugitive villains from his home planet of Krypton. Flying down to Earth, the super-powered trio unleash a reign of terror in a bid to take over the world – but Superman is not there to stop them, having surrendered his powers to lead a normal life with his beloved Lois Lane. Comic-strip adventure sequel, with Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman, Terence Stamp and Margot Kidder. Edited for violence and language.

**10.00** **Film: Conan the Barbarian.** (2011) A warrior seeks revenge on the warlord who killed his father, and tries to stop him magically making himself all-powerful. Fantasy adventure, with Jason Momoa and Stephen Lang.

**12.15** **Film: Chaos.** (2005) A veteran cop and his inexperienced new partner take on the mysterious criminal masterminding a series of hi-tech heists. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and Wesley Snipes. **2.05** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle. An analysis of stories linked to the region in the north Atlantic. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

## BBC Three

**7.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. The singles final at the O2 in London. **9.00** Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Life Is Toff **11.15** Film: Face/Off (1997) **1.25** Sweat the Small Stuff **1.55** People Like Us **2.55** The Revolution Will Be Televised **3.25** Life Is Toff **3.55** Close

## BBC Four

**7.00** The Great War **7.40** Britain's Wild Places: The Sheep Beside the Seaside **8.00** Congo Calling: An African Orchestra in Britain **9.00** Rosetta: A Sky at Night Special **10.00** Pop Go the Sixties **10.15** Mark Lawson Talks to Michael Morpurgo **11.15** Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music **12.15** Bob Harris: My Nashville **1.15** Brad Paisley and Friends **2.15** John Denver at Wembley Arena **2.55** Congo Calling: An African Orchestra in Britain **3.55** Close

## ITV2

**11.50** The X Factor **1.25** The Xtra Factor **2.30** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **4.25** Film: King Kong (2005) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** The X Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** McBusted: The Hot Desk **10.40** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.45** Educating Joey Essex: Reem Halloween **12.45** Two and a Half Men **1.30** Dads **1.55** The Vampire Diaries **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

## ITV3

**11.55** Inspector Morse **2.00** Rosemary & Thyme **3.30** Film: George and Mildred: The Movie (1980) **4.55** Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973) **6.55** Inspector Morse **9.00** Lewis **11.00** William and Mary **1.05** Wycliffe **2.00** Judge Judy **2.45** World Kitchen **3.10** TV5 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

## ITV4

**11.25** World Rally Championship Highlights **12.00** Film: Rooster Cogburn (1975) **2.10** Film: The War Wagon (1967) **4.15** Film: Cheyenne Autumn (1964) **7.25** Live International Football: Italy v Croatia (Kick-off 7.45pm) **10.00** State Wars **10.30** International Football Highlights **12.00** Life of Ryan: Caretaker Manager **1.00** River Monsters **2.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**

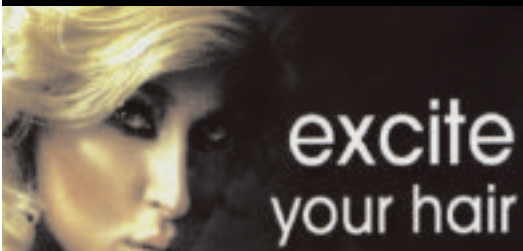
**12.30** Made in Chelsea **1.30** Film: A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) **3.15** Rudelish! Take Shorts **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Avatar (2009) **11.10** The Inbetweeners **12.15** Drifters **12.50** Bad Robots **1.25** Rules of Engagement **2.25** The Cleveland Show **3.35** Hollyoaks **Film4**

**11.00** The Rugrats Movie (1999) **1.00** Planet of the Apes (1968) **3.20** Titanic (1997) **7.05** Legend (1985) **9.00** Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) **11.05** Conan the Barbarian (1982) **1.40** House of Flying Daggers (2004) **4.00** Close

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Setup, Channel 5, 10.55pm

A criminal takes part in a profitable diamond heist, only to be betrayed by his partner in crime who makes off with the loot. The aggrieved thief swears revenge on his former friend, and seeks the aid of a powerful Mob boss in getting revenge and taking back his ill-gotten gains. Crime thriller, with Bruce Willis, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson and Ryan Phillippe. (2011)

TUESDAY

The Painted Veil, BBC1, 11.50pm

An English doctor's wife in 1920s China has an affair with a politician. When her husband finds out, he plots revenge by forcing her to accompany him on a mercy mission to a remote disease-ravaged village – but the hardship of their journey gives them a new perspective on their relationship. Period drama based on W Somerset Maugham's novel, starring Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Liev Schreiber and Toby Jones. (2006)



Daylight, Friday, ITV, 11.15pm

WEDNESDAY

Obsessed, BBC1, 11.35pm

An executive with a successful job and a happy family life finds his world crumbling around him when a temporary worker is assigned to his office. The new arrival becomes desperately fixated on him, going to desperate lengths to seduce him. When he rejects her, he and his wife find their lives in danger. Thriller, starring Idris Elba and Beyoncé Knowles. (2009)

THURSDAY

Trading Christmas, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Lonely widow Emily and frustrated writer Charles arrange to swap houses for the Christmas holidays, so she can visit her daughter and he can get some peace and quiet to work. However, both find themselves having unexpected romances when his brother and her friend make surprise visits and find the wrong person at home. Comedy, starring Faith Ford. (2011)

FRIDAY

Daylight, ITV, 11.15pm

A devastating explosion in the New Jersey Tunnel causes a horrific pile-up, trapping a group of motorists underground. A former emergency worker witnesses the blast and heads in to guide the handful of survivors to safety before the waters of the Hudson river above them break through and flood the tunnel. Disaster movie, starring Sylvester Stallone. (1996)

# Family matters to James as the search continues

James Nesbitt is hands down one of the best actors on television and has been for a while now.

Everything he puts his name to oozes quality and he has a range that takes some beating.

At a time when the idea of another legal, medical or police procedural drama makes us yawn, it can't be easy picking a credible role, but simply by being in *The Missing*, Nesbitt has made it fantastic television.

Of course, this particular drama is helped along no end by the fact that Nesbitt is joined by such a top-drawer cast, but Frances O'Connor, who plays Emily Hughes in the hard-hitting drama, couldn't speak more highly of her co-star.

She explains: "I love acting with Jimmy because he just brings it! Every time you do a scene, he steps up and really gives it a hundred per cent for you. I love all the choices he makes, he's great. We've had to do some really tricky scenes but he's been very supportive."

O'Connor isn't exaggerating when

she talks of those tricky scenes. With such a sensitive subject matter – a little boy going missing while on holiday in France – it's little wonder the nation has taken this eight-part drama into their hearts, and O'Connor didn't need much time to think about signing up to the part.

"I just loved these scripts – I thought they were brilliant," she explains. "I was sent two and wanted to read more because they're just such great page-turners. The other great thing about the scripts is that the dialogue is so real and psychologically so true. So when you're acting, you feel it's really rock solid in terms of character and it's very easy to believe in the story."

She continues: "Because I'm a mother, I instantly related to the story. I did a bit of research about what it's like for people whose children have gone missing but really I just had to use my imagination. It's every parent's worst nightmare so I found it pretty easy to access the emotions for it."

The actress seems to be drawn to complex, thought-provoking dramas

– when we last saw her in *Mr Selfridge*, her character Rose had announced she was dying – but she insists that the tricky subject areas are all brilliantly dealt with here thanks to the writing.

She says of *The Missing*: "The storytelling is really clever and really sharp which you can feel when you're playing it. There are multiple strands to the story which are very cleverly interwoven."

We reach the halfway mark tonight, and Oliver's disappearance continues to take its toll on James and Frances' characters. As we pay a visit to 2006, the case is thrown into disarray by a murder, and Tony (Nesbitt) is left horrified when someone who he thought was his friend is revealed not to be the person they claimed to be.

In the present day, Julien (Tcheky Karyo) is on a mission to reinvestigate the links between the dead witness and Oliver's disappearance, while raking over the past starts to take its toll on Emily (O'Connor) and her relationship with Mark (Jason Fleming).



James Nesbitt heads the cast of *The Missing*, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

24 Hours in Police Custody Channel 4, 9pm

It's debatable whether this eye-opening series will have inspired many people to sign up to be a police officer, but it has shown the job is rarely dull – acting sergeant Wil Taylor describes his own typical shifts as 'unrelenting carnage'. It's easy to see why as in the last in the current series, he has to deal with crimes ranging from the theft of 98p's worth of a diet soft drink to joyriding in a 45-seater bus. But the most complicated case involves three sex workers who were arrested during a raid on a brothel. The cops have to establish whether the women are victims of trafficking, or if they are the ones guilty of exploitation. Meanwhile, we also get an insight into Wil's own remarkable story, revealing that although he's gone from being a sports-mad law student to a double amputee police officer, he's always been driven by a need to see justice done.

Intruders BBC2, 9pm

When the first episode of this supernatural thriller aired a few weeks ago, many viewers were unsure what was most unsettling – the general air of doom, the challenge of working out what exactly was going on, or John Simm's American accent. But now we've had a chance to adjust, we're

starting to be gripped by this tale of former LA cop Jack Whelan (Simm) and his quest to find out what really happened to his wife Amy (Mira Sorvino).

This week, it looks like the detective (and the audience) may start to get some answers as Gary confesses he's a lot more clued up on Bill Anderson's murder and research than he previously admitted – and then reveals a startling connection between Amy and Rose. Meanwhile, Madison begins making sense of Marcus's memories, and Frank grows more concerned over Richard, but could soon have some even bigger worries.

TUESDAY

Madeleine McCann: A Global Obsession Channel 5, 7pm

In May 2007, three-year-old Madeleine McCann went missing in the Portuguese resort of Praia da Luz. In this documentary, journalist Martin Frizell – who broke the story in the UK on GMTV – analyses the unprecedented campaign run by Kate and Gerry McCann to keep their daughter in the public eye. He traces both the positive and negative reactions that this crusade evoked and hears from the father of a seven-year-old



The Fall, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

boy who went missing in 2003, but quickly disappeared from the national news.

WEDNESDAY The Apprentice BBC1, 9pm

After a decade on the box, there was always a danger of this glorified job interview turning into a parody of itself. And that happened in no time, with comedians jumping at the chance of lampooning Alan Sugar and the endless supply of besuited, power-dressing wannabe apprentices. Little wonder the show runners wanted to shake things up a little this time, so the other week when Lord Sugar fired not one but three contestants, Apprentice addicts were rocked to their core. So far in series 10, we've said goodbye to Chiles, Robert, Scott, Lindsay, Nurun, Steven, Sarah, Ella Jade and Gemma among others, so who knows how many will be kicked out in the latest edition?

THURSDAY

The Fall BBC2, 9pm

Jamie Dornan is a busy chap at the moment. As women around the world hold out for his much-anticipated performance as businessman Christian in *Fifty Shades of Grey*, we're lucky enough to be treated to his eerie portrayal of a serial killer in this Belfast-set Beeb drama in which he stars alongside Gillian Anderson. In tonight's instalment, his character Spector drives Rose Stagg away from her home in the middle of the night and warns her that he knows she went to the police. Rose going missing only serves to step up Gibson's headache a notch – she knows the pressure is now on her, as she is forced to face facts that it was her words that tipped Spector off about Rose.

FRIDAY

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Channel 5, 9pm

New series. The return of the programme in which Ben Fogle meets people who have moved to inhospitable parts of the world after leaving the rat race behind. He begins by travelling to the Namibian desert to spend time with 50-year-old Gideon David, who quit his career in life insurance to live in the largest conservation area in Africa.

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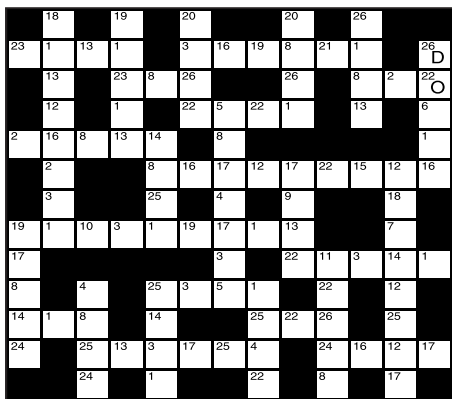
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	A	2	K	3	C	4	I	5	G	6	J	7	D	8	T	9	U	10	Z	11	S	12	X	13	V
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

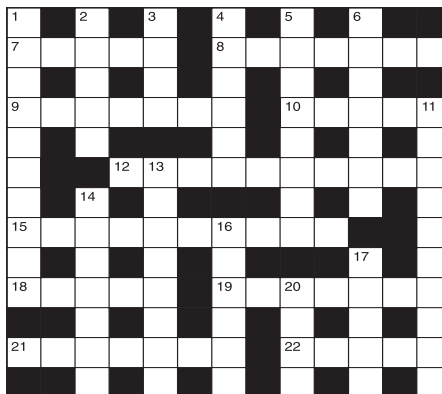
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- It's a chore producing pigment (5)
- Put clothes on again to put matters right (7)
- Arrived with many at King Arthur's seat (7)
- Groan about the gas (5)
- Sit to become a professor? (4,1,5)
- Is she unspeakably fair? (4,6)
- Towel thrown out for young bird (5)
- Suitor gets middle-headed about organised travel (7)
- Comply with 100 performing well (7)
- Explanation of superficial shine (5)

#### Down

- Make contact, then leave: it's critical (5-3-2)
- Mortify by writing bogus letter (5)
- Transaction in wood (4)
- Squirm at court order he produced (6)
- Made a loan at a higher level (8)
- He could turn out to be a genial big-head (7)
- A close shave for the illiberal spinster? (6,4)
- No one returns to the precincts to realise aspiration (8)
- A doctor catches fish at an easy pace (7)
- Note I'm being punctual (2,4)
- Turn four in the cooking vessel (5)
- Push into favour generally (4)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- Perhaps (5)
- Faultless (7)
- Apart (7)
- Preclude (5)
- Pirate (10)
- Intentional (10)
- Send (5)
- Refined (7)
- Work (7)
- Wrong (5)

#### Down

- Envoy (10)
- Treacle (5)
- Repair (4)
- Thin (6)
- Erupt (5,3)
- Under (7)
- Wasteful (10)
- Refutation (8)
- Sleep (7)
- Rue (6)
- Deserve (5)
- Close (4)

## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Safety-net; 8 One; 9 Play the host; 11 Balance; 12 Avail; 13 Inured; 15 Asides; 17 Error; 18 Pontoon; 20 Emerald Isle; 22 Bar; 23 These days. Down: 2 All; 3 Titan; 4 Nieces; 5 Trojans; 6 Lots and lots; 7 Deadly sin; 10 All quarters; 11 Bride-to-be; 14 Earnest; 16 Oplate; 19 Nudge; 21 Lay. QUICK - Across: 1 Boomerang; 8 Ewe; 9 Observation; 11 Extreme; 12 Poser; 13 Felled; 15 Keep on; 17 Caper; 18 Explore; 20 Annihilated; 22 Arc; 23 Strategem. Down: 2 Orb; 3 Eerie; 4 Awaken; 5 Glimpse; 6 Lend support; 7 Deference; 10 Sets in place; 11 Effectual; 14 Errands; 16 Tether; 19 Plot; 21 Eye.

## Quiz

- To which family of birds does the bittern belong?
- In which religion is Brahma the creator god?
- Which architect laid out Covent Garden?
- What was the first major sound film?
- What do Americans call eggplant?
- Who played the sleuthing wife in the Thin Man films?
- Which ideal state is named from the Greek for 'no place'?
- Which river has Lake Tana as its source?
- Which French king was married to Marie Antoinette?
- Which organ is stimulated by the drug digitalis?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 1776; 2 Danny Blanchflower; 3

Pacific; 4 Roman Abramovich; 5 George V;

6 15; 7 Robin; 8 Holland; 9 Isle of Wight; 10

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**4266** gives another bird,  
**151773** gives a monkey.

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**£159,500** Stourbridge Office  
| 3 Bed Home with such style  
| Gated parking off Lower High Street  
| Everything close! Move straight in. EPC - C



**NEW**

**Stourbridge** 57 Crystal Avenue

**£145,000** Stourbridge Office  
| Stylish, well presented, 3 good Bedrooms  
| Open plan Lounge/Dining, enlarged Kitchen  
| Worcester boiler, R/F Bathroom EPC - C



**NEW**

**Kingswinford** 39 Surrey Drive

**£134,950** Kingswinford Office  
| Improved & Re-appointed End of Terrace  
| Cul-de-sac, Lounge, R/F Dining/Kitchen  
| 2 Bedrooms, R/F Bathroom. EPC - D



**NEW**

**Pedmore** 7 Gauden Road

**£129,950** Stourbridge Office  
| Renovated 3 Bed Home with Garage  
| D/Kitchen, Parking. Available immediately  
| Ideal FTB or investment. EPC - TBC



**Wordsley** Plot 4 Hazel Grove

**£124,950** Stourbridge Office  
| New 3 Bed home by Hadlington Brothers  
| Collection of just 5 houses, Great spec.  
| 10 Year Warranty, Available Now. PEA - B



**Stourbridge** The Old Pump House

**£114,950** Stourbridge Office  
| Stylish top floor 1 Bedroom Apartment  
| With great spec, Superb Breakfast Kitchen.  
| Well placed for train station & town. EPC - C



**Brierley Hill** 61 Foxdale Drive

**£105,000** Stourbridge Office  
| Great 2 Bed home with enclosed garden  
| Kitchen & Bathroom. Allocated parking  
| Ideal buy-to-let or first time buyer. EPC - D

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**NEW**

**Hagley** 4 South Road

| Traditional Detached, 4 Beds  
| Master En-Suite & Bathroom  
| 3 Rec. Rooms & B\*fast Kitchen  
| Deposit £2,000 (EPC - D)

**£1,500  
PCM**



**Gornal** 83A Ellowes Road

| Modern Detached House  
| 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen  
| 3 Double Bedrooms, Garage  
| Deposit £800 (EPC - D)

**£695  
PCM**



**Wall Heath** 6 Brooklyn Grove

| Traditional Semi-Det House  
| Brand New Fitted Kitchen  
| 3 Beds, Driveway, Garage  
| Deposit £800 (EPC - C)

**£695  
PCM**



**NEW**

**Merry Hill** 397 The Embankment

| 1st Floor 2 Bed Apartment  
| Master En-Suite Shower Room  
| Open Lounge / Kitchen  
| Deposit £650 (EPC - C)

**£550  
PCM**



**Wordsley** 11 Lawnswood Road

| Trad. Mid-Terrace House  
| Front Lounge, Dining Room  
| 3 Beds, Shower Room  
| Deposit £700 (EPC - D)

**£525  
PCM**



**NEW**

**Pensnett** 38 Hodnet Drive

| Modern 2 Bed Town House  
| Cul-de-sac Position  
| Rear Garden With Patio Area  
| Deposit £650 (EPC - C)

**£525  
PCM**



**NEW**

**Stourbridge** 6 Church Court

| Modern 2nd Floor Apartment  
| 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom  
| Newly Fitted Kitchen & Lounge  
| Deposit £575 (EPC - C)

**£525  
PCM**



**NEW**

**Wordsley** 20 Ingatstone Drive

| Second Floor Apartment  
| Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms  
| Bathroom With Shower, Parking  
| Deposit £550 (EPC - D)

**£500  
PCM**



**Dudley** 90D Watsons Green Road

| First Floor 2 Bed Flat  
| Substantial Lounge/Dining Room  
| 2 Allocated Parking Spaces  
| Deposit £550 (EPC - TBC)

**£495  
PCM**



**NEW**

**Wordsley** 22 Crownoakes Drive

| Modern 1st Floor Apartment  
| Lounge Area & Kitchen Recess  
| One Allocated Parking Space  
| Deposit £550 (EPC - B)

**£475  
PCM**

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<b>LOWER GORNAL</b>  <b>TEMPLE STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE OIRO £94,995</b> Character Freehold Mid Terrace Property with No Upward Chain. To Include: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Benefits from: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Long Rear Garden.	<b>SEDGLEY</b>  <b>LONG MEADOW DRIVE</b> <b>FOR SALE £184,500</b> Link Detached Family Home. Comprises of: Two Reception Areas, Kitchen, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, GARAGE.	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>HENZEL CROFT</b> <b>FOR SALE £97,950</b> Modern Ground Floor Apartment close to local amenities and Merry Hill. Comprising of: Spacious Lounge 20' 10" x 9' 10", Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Wet Room. Benefits include: Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>FOXDALE DRIVE</b> <b>FOR SALE £79,950</b> Well Presented Freehold Cluster Style House To Include: Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Benefitting from: Front Garden, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing.
<b>PENSNETT</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>TILED HOUSE LANE</b> <b>£625 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom with shower, Off Road Parking for 2/3 cars, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.	<b>DUDLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>THE PARADE</b> <b>£560 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>BLENHEIM ROAD</b> <b>£695 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom with shower, Three Bedrooms, Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED	<b>WORDSLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>BELLE VUE</b> <b>£450 pcm*</b> First Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Excellent Kitchen/Lounge, Good Sized Bedroom, Stunning Bathroom with shower over bath, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished, No Pets, No DSS
<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>MARLEY ROAD</b> <b>£675 pcm*</b> Semi Detached House, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs Toilet, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Corner Plot/Gardens, Single Garage, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing	<b>OLDBURY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>THE MOORINGS</b> <b>£395 pcm*</b> Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking, UNFURNISHED	<b>WORDSLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>BRACKEN PARK GARDENS</b> <b>£435 pcm*</b> Top Floor Flat, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Sealed Units, Off Road Parking	<b>HALESOWEN</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>BETHESDA GARDENS</b> <b>£725 pcm*</b> Excellent Modern Town House, Entrance, Kitchen/Diner, Cloakroom, Lounge, Small Office, Four Bedrooms, 2 En Suites, House Bathroom, Single Garage, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED
<b>WORDSLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>CROWNOAKES DRIVE</b> <b>£575 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Communal Entrance, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Maintained Communal Grounds, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED	<b>DUDLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>RUSSELLS HALL ROAD</b> <b>£550 pcm*</b> Fully Refurbished Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>FOXDALE DRIVE</b> <b>£395 pcm*</b> Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking	<b>LYE</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>KING STREET</b> <b>£495 pcm*</b> Mid Terrace House, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gardens to Front & Rear, Off Road Parking for rear for 2 cars, Gas Central Heating, Sealed Units, UNFURNISHED
<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>DADFORD VIEW</b> <b>£395 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, UNFURNISHED	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>WELLS ROAD</b> <b>£575 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>DUDLEY ROAD</b> <b>£525 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Large Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking	<b>NETHERTON</b>  <b>WORCESTER ROAD</b> <b>£525 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs Shower Room, Downstairs Toilet, Three Bedrooms, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished

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**SEDGLEY, Cotwall End Road**  
Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached for improvement with PANORAMIC VIEWS comprising; hall, cloaks, L shape living room with views, kitchen, veranda. Double bedroom 3, bathroom, dining room, garden room.To first floor Two bedrooms. Garage,garden. EPC:E SEDGLEY



**KINGSWINFORD, Kingsley Road**  
A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED & QUALITY SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME located within a highly desirable area with LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN, providing an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED layout, including 3 GOOD BEDROOMS. EPC D



**COSELEY, Kimberley Place**  
Impressive, Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached situated upon corner plot presented in exemplary order throughout comprising; hall, cloakroom, 20 ft lounge, dining kitchen with patio doors (effectively being 'hub of the house'), utility room, fully tiled "wet room"; four generous bedrooms, (three with built in wardrobes), and principal room with shower room en suite, bathroom. Large garage, expertly tended garden with potential extension space to side (not verified - buyers to make their own enquiries). EPC: C.. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £256,000

£231,950

New price

WAS £235,000, NOW £229,000



**KINGSWINFORD, Surrey Drive**  
An IMPRESSIVE LINK DETACHED 3 BEDROOM HOUSE enjoying a LARGE CORNER plot with POTENTIAL for EXTENSION (subject to consent), plus a sought after location and offering GENEROUS accommodation. DRIVEWAY, GARAGE & LARGE REAR/ SIDE GARDEN. EPC TBA



**DUDLEY, Aintree Way, Milking Bank**  
Extended gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached on fine corner plot; hall lounge transverse dining kitchen (french doors out to garden) utility, fitted cloaks; 4 BEDROOMS reapt shower room with white suite; garage, garden. EPC D SEDGLEY



**DUDLEY, Himley Road**  
Quirky, gas centrally heated,double glazed house comprising; hall, cloaks, lounge, sitting room, breakfast room, kitchen,4 bedrooms, bathroom, dormer attic. Extensive grounds, Mining Search available. EPC:E:SEDGLEY



**LOWER GORNAL, Flavells Lane**  
FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION 1 - gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached; porch hall lounge, sitting room dining room kitchen;shower room porch.To first floor are 2 double bedrooms; 27 ft car port,delightful garden EPC:D SEDGLEY



**LOWER GORNAL, Humphrey Street**  
NO UPWARD CHAIN. DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated detached, conscientiously maintained although offers further potential; Porch, hall, living room, dining room, refitted kitchen, utility, toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY

No upward chain

£204,950

Offers in the region of £199,950

Offers in the region of £189,950

Offers in the region of £184,950

Offers in the region of £169,950



**RUSSELLS HALL, Eagle Close**  
EXTENDED, THREE / FOUR BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME, comprising; Hall, Lounge, Further Sitting Room, Reception Room 3 / Bedroom 4, Ground Floor Shower Room, Kitchen, Utility, Guests W.C, Three First Floor Bedrooms, First Floor Shower Room, Driveway, Garden. EPC C



**Brierley Hill, Leys Road**  
WELL PRESENTED, LARGE, DETACHED FAMILY HOME available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and comprising; Hall, Well Fitted Kitchen, Guests Cloakroom, Sitting Room with Dining Area, THREE BEDROOMS, Modern Shower Room, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC E



**WOLVERHAMPTON, Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park**  
TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL - Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring updating comprising; hall, lounge, dining Room, fitted cloaks, kitchen, lobby, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPCD SEDGLEY



**LOWER GORNAL, Wealdstone Drive**  
Gas centrally heated uPVC Double glazed 'starter home' in exemplary order - hall, fitted cloaks, lounge, transverse dining kitchen; three bedrooms reappointed bathroom, parking to front, landscaped garden. EPC D. SEDGLEY



**TIPTON, Hurst Lane**  
Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed intermediate town house comprising; hall, cloakroom, store, kitchen, living/ dining room. First floor are 2 bedrooms, bathroom. To top floor; bedroom with shower room en suite. Garden. GARAGE. EPC: TBA SEDGLEY

£139,950

New price

£139,950

Offers in the region of £139,950

Offers in the Region of £127,950

Offers in the region of £125,000



**DUDLEY, Winchester Rise**  
REALISTICALLY PRICED! Conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising; porch, living room, dining room, kitchen with "beech" effect units, Three double bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC C. SEDGLEY



**COSELEY, Hospital Lane**  
EXTENDED gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed semi detached for improvement; hall, lounge, dining room, pantry, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Off road parking to front and comparatively lengthy garden. Mining History available. EPC: D SEDGLEY



**UPPER GORNAL, Roberts Green Road**  
A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached with porch, hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, pantry,2 double bedrooms, reapt bathroom with white suite, utility room (with potential),lengthy south rear garden. EPC: D.SEDGLEY



**Dudley, Wellfield Gardens**  
This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM, MID TERRACE HOME should be the ideal first time buy or buy-to-let investment and comprises; Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Kitchen, Two Generous Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Road Parking and Pretty Rear Garden. EPC



**TIPTON, Lindley Avenue**  
Gas centrally heated, double glazed, re-roofed semi-detached with potential; comprising; hall, store, living room, breakfast room (former kitchen), and existing kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, narrow garage, garden. EPC E. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £108,950

Offers in the region of £104,950

Offers in the region of £99,950

£97,500

Offers in the region of £94,950





**DUDLEY, Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'**  
Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached providing hall, cloaks, lounge, dining kitchen, principle bedroom with dressing room & shower en-suite, three more bedrooms, bathroom. Carport access to garage beyond, garden. EPC C. SEDGLEY



**KINGSWINFORD, Wartell Bank**  
A DELIGHTFUL, ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, PERIOD DETACHED FAMILY HOME enhanced by a LONG BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with a SWIMMING POOL, plus a CONSERVATORY EXTENSION and THREE LARGE BEDROOMS. With TARMAC DRIVEWAY to the fore. EPC E



**NETHERTON, The Willows**  
SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED HOME in corner position, comprising: Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS (master EN-SUITE) Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. DRIVEWAY, GARAGE & rear garden. EPC C

Offers in the region of £225,000

£224,950

New price

£220,000



**DUDLEY, Malthouse Drive**  
Exceptionally stylish! - gas centrally heated, double glazed detached with hallway, cloaks, lounge, dining room, CONSERVATORY, kitchen, bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom garage, garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



**QUARRY BANK, Nottingham Way**  
FANTASTIC, BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM, LINK DETACHED HOME would make the perfect family home and comprises: Porch, Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Garden. EPC: D



**WALL HEATH, Cross Street**  
AN EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED TWO BEDROOM PERIOD MID TERRACE HOME within this very popular address, offering IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation which is BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED throughout and enjoying a LONG, LEVEL, ATTRACTIVE REAR GARDEN. EPC E



**HOLLY HALL, Hilderic Crescent**  
Enjoying an elevated position within this admired address, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME, comprises: Hall, Sitting Room & Dining Area, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage and Garden. EPC



**SEDGLEY, Turlis Street**  
NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached within walking distance of Sedgley's Bullring comprising: porch, hall, cloaks, kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, uPVC CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, bathroom. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £165,000

£154,950

£147,950

£144,950

Offers in excess of £140,000



**WOODSETTON, Parkes Hall Road**  
Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising: porch, hall, store, Ground floor accomm. has been "opened up" to provide lounge & kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Parking, garden, possible rear vehicular access (subject to licence fee to Council). EPC: D. SEDGLEY



**GORNAL WOOD, Bank Road**  
WALKING DISTANCE OF VILLAGE Centrally heated, double glazed semi requiring some upgrading; comprising: hall, cloakroom, kitchen, living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS (en suite to main), bathroom. Parking, garden (in need of attention). EPC: C. SEDGLEY



**PENSNETT, Tansey Green Road**  
NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising: hall, cloakroom, kitchen, living/dining room. Bedroom with bathroom en suite, bedroom 2 with en suite. Parking, garden. EPC: C. ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED. SEDGLEY



**DUDLEY, Wrens Nest Road**  
Tremendously improved! Gas centrally heated, double glazed semi-detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors comprising: hallway, lounge, utility section, store, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Gated parking, garden. EPC: C. SEDGLEY



**KINGSWINFORD, Halt Mews**  
This SPACIOUS GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT is barely a year old, and enjoys the views over the landscaped gardens surrounding, complimenting the striking and generous well planned accommodation within. EPC C.

Offers in the region of £124,950

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£122,500 (All offers considered)

New price WAS £114,950, NOW £109,950

New price £109,950



**KINGSWINFORD, Catesby Drive**  
AN IMMACULATE AND BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED GROUND FLOOR FLAT within sought after 'Charterfields' offering GENEROUS and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation. Front garden, beautifully maintained rear garden and rear GARAGE. EPC D



**QUARRY BANK, Robin Hood Road**  
Pleasantly situated within close proximity to local amenities, this VERY WELL PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME comprises: Hall, Attractive Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Guests W.C., Two Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Driveway, Large Garden. EPC D



**UPPER GORNAL, Hilary Crest**  
GROUND FLOOR, gas centrally heated, Upvc double glazed Flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS comprising: reception hall, two double bedrooms, lounge, shower room, store, kitchen with 'beech' effect units. Allocated garden, two stores. EPC: C. SEDGLEY



**QUARRY BANK, Birch Avenue**  
SEMI DETACHED HOME for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN! Requiring refurbishment and offering a fantastic opportunity to INVEST or to create a desirable home. Comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Guests W.C, TWO / THREE Bedrooms, Garden. EPC E



**COSELEY, Horace Street, Hurst Hill**  
Gas centrally heated one bedroom Second floor flat with NO UPWARD CHAIN representing an ideal first time buy comprising: secure communal entrance & stairs, private hall, lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom. Communal grounds. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

£93,950

£92,450

Offers in the region of £85,950

£82,000

Offers in the region of £50,000



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**Pedmore** 6A Redlake Road

**£615,000** Stourbridge Office  
| New 4 Bed 4 En-suite Home, luxury spec  
| Family Kitchen, Lounge with bi-fold doors  
| Top address, 10 year warranty. EPC - B



**Kinver** Firbank House, Forest Drive

**£475,000** Stourbridge Office  
| 5 Bed Detached with fabulous views!  
| Kinver Edge backdrop, 2 En-suites  
| Dining Kitchen. All to high spec. EPC - E



**Norton** 15 Norton Road

**£469,500** Stourbridge Office  
| Beautifully presented 5 Bed Home  
| 2 Rec Rooms, D/Kitchen, En-Suite  
| Close to Park, Long garden. EPC - E.



**Kinver** Newtonmore, 23 Brindley Brae

**£425,000** Stourbridge Office  
| 3 Bed residence in large plot  
| 2 Rec Rooms, plus Dining Kitchen  
| Great scope & potential, No Chain EPC - E



**Himley** 87 School Road

**£385,000** Kingswinford Office  
| Detached Dormer Bungalow, 2 Rec Rooms  
| Versatile 3/4 Bedrooms, 2 En-suites  
| Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom. EPC - C



**Kingswinford** 20 Summercourt Drive

**£375,000** Kingswinford Office  
| Extended & Re-appointed Detached  
| 2 Rec Rooms, Break Kitchen, Utility, Study  
| 4/5 Beds (1 En-suite) & Bathroom. EPC - C



**Oldswinford** 22 Yarnborough Hill

**£350,000** Stourbridge Office  
| Large 3 Double Bedroom Detached  
| B/Kitchen & 2 Rec Rooms, Big Bathroom  
| Backs onto cricket ground. EPC - D



**Norton** Orwell House, 101 Roman Road

**£349,500** Stourbridge Office  
| Substantial Detached with 4 Bedrooms  
| Spacious accommodation throughout  
| Fantastic semi-rural location. EPC - D



**Stourton** Woodfield, 28 Bridgnorth Road

**£320,000** Stourbridge Office  
| Renovated 3 Bed Traditional Detached  
| 2 Rec Rooms, R/F Kitchen & Shower Room  
| Top address, Long Garden. EPC - D



**Wombourne** 58 Penleigh Gardens

**£309,950** Kingswinford Office  
| Stylish, 4 Bedroom David Payne Detached  
| R/F Guest wc, 2 Rec Rooms, R/F Kitchen  
| R/F En-Suite & Bathroom. EPC - D

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**Kinver** 11 Holly Close

**£299,995** Stourbridge Office  
| Detached split level Bungalow  
| Fabulous D/Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms  
| Lounge/Diner, Bath & Shower Room EPC - E



**Wordsley** 2 Rose Cottage Drive

**£285,000** Kingswinford Office  
| 2 Rec Room, 4 Bedroom Family Detached  
| Gated approach off Barnett Lane, B/Kitchen  
| En-Suite Shower & wc, Bathroom. EPC - C



**Prestwood** 5 Wicket Lane, The Oval

**£269,950** Kingswinford Office  
| Detached Bungalow (for over 55 age group)  
| Lounge, Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms  
| R/F Break-Kitchen & Shower Room. EPC - C



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| R/F Bathroom, Block Paved Drive. EPC - D



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### THE BROADWAY

●EPC Rating Awaited●Bay Fronted Semi Detached Property●Three Bedrooms●Two Living Rooms●Kitchen●Extended Utility Room●Conservatory●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Driveway

£154,950

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### MAPLE ROAD

●EPC Rating D●Improved & Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property●Fitted Kitchen●Lounge●Ground Floor Refitted Shower Room●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Garage●MUST BE VIEWED

£100,000

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### LOWER GORNAL

●EPC Rating G●Extended & Improved Semi Detached Property●Three Bedrooms●Front & EXTENDED Rear Living Rooms●EXTENDED Fitted Kitchen●Dining Room●Garage●Driveway Parking●No Chain

£130,000

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### UPPER GORNAL

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£110,000

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### DUDLEY

●Bay Fronted Detached Property●Three Bedrooms●Two Living Rooms●Kitchen●Bathroom●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Driveway Parking●No Chain●EPC - C

£150,000

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●EPC Rating Awaited●Two Bedroom Semi Detached Residence●Through Lounge/Dining Room●First Floor Bathroom●Kitchen●Entrance Hallway●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Driveway●Enclosed Rear Garden

£100,000

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## NETHERTON

### TIVIDALE

●EPC Rating D●An Improved End Townhouse●Three Bedrooms●Kitchen & Dining Room●Lounge●First Floor Bathroom●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Rear Garden

£104,950

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●EPC Rating D●EXTENDED Semi Detached Property●Two Bedrooms●Lounge & Dining Room●EXTENDED Kitchen●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Driveway Parking●Rear Garden●No Chain

£110,000

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●EPC Rating E●Bay Fronted Semi Detached●Three Bedrooms●Two Living Rooms●Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Driveway

£650 PCM

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●EPC D●Three Bedrooms●Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Driveway

£595 P/M

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### TIPTON

●EPC Rating Awaited●Mid Townhouse Residence●Three Bedrooms●Lounge/Dining Room●Kitchen●Bathroom●Garage

£550 PCM

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●EPC Rating D●Three Bedrooms●Lounge & Dining Room●Ground Floor Guest Cloakroom●Double Glazing●Driveway●DSS Considered

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## TIPTON

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●EPC Rating C●Modern Semi Detached Property●Two Bedrooms●Kitchen●Rear Garden

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£450 P/M

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## TIVIDALE

### HILL RD

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£495 PCM

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# Rapide a dream machine

By Matt Joy

**You don't have to be selfish to drive an Aston Martin; the beautiful Rapide S allows you to take three friends with you in four-door coupe style. For 2014 Aston has tweaked the looks and the mechanicals to make this a 200mph dream machine.**

As with most Aston Martins, there is much about the Rapide S that is reassuringly familiar. The DB9-based exterior is as beautiful as ever, but is distinct from that car on account of the bullish nose as well as the extra pair of doors.

Of greater significance is the adoption



of a new eight-speed automatic transmission which not only promises smoother shifts and the extra ratios but also a higher top speed; the Rapide S can now bust the 200mph barrier for the first time. The suspension has also been tweaked to improve the ride and handling and there are some new trim options too.

The Rapide S has the kind of looks to grab your attention whether you want it to or not; it has curves, grace and a swagger that is hard not to love, even if you're not the fortunate person behind the wheel. The changes to the 2014 version only go as far as some new colour options- notably Diavolo Red which was previously only available on the limited edition Zagato - and new ten-spoke alloy wheels.

It might seem incongruous to think of an Aston Martin as being practical, but the Rapide S is designed to carry four people and their luggage. If you're sitting in the front then getting comfortable is a cinch, with plenty of adjustment in the seats and good space.

In the rear space it is a little tighter, but unless you scale over 6ft tall the rear seats are cosy and cocooning. The boot space is useful too, with the ability to fold the rear seats and increase the space.

The things that haven't changed about the Rapide S are still brilliant, chiefly the sensational 6.0-litre V12 engine, but the new gearbox allows you to get the best from it. In automatic mode the shifts are smoother and faster, so you can ooze around town just using the mighty torque. A firmer squeeze and the Rapide S accelerates with ease, while you can switch to manual control of the gearbox to fully exploit the huge power reserves.

The Rapide S also manages to handle



**'The Rapide S has the kind of looks to grab your attention whether you want it to or not; it has curves, grace and a swagger.'**

like the sports car it is based on, despite being larger and heavier than the DB9. The steering is responsive but not too sharp, the ride controlled and the handling very reassuring for a car costing close to £150,000. It's a significant improvement on what was already excellent.

It's hard to make a case for the Rapide S being good value for money with a sticker price like that, but you certainly get a lot for your cash. Those sensational looks, the magnificent engine, the cabin swathed in fine leather and a kick-ass Bang & Olufsen

audio system. You can This is a car for the wealthy, no doubt, and although the well-heeled do tend to be fussy about what they buy it's safe to say they will be impressed by the Rapide S. A couple could use it as the ultimate GT with plenty of space for long weekends, while parents could complete the school run if they want to give their kids instant playground kudos.

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# Toyota powering hybrids

Hybrid cars now make up almost a quarter of Toyota's sales in the UK, the firm has announced.

Thanks to huge increases in sales figures for the British-built Auris Hybrid and good results for the new Aygo and low-CO2 RAV4, Toyota GB is up 4.5 per cent versus last year.

In total, 22.5 per cent of those

sales were of petrol-electric hybrids.

The Auris Hybrid has sold 20.6 per cent more units than at this point in 2013, and its popularity has grown to include almost half of all Auris sales in the UK.

Meanwhile, the Aygo has made an "immediate impact" according to Toyota, selling almost 20 per cent better than the old model.

The RAV4, which in recent years has

been reduced to very small volumes in the face of stronger competition from the likes of Nissan and Volkswagen, has seen an 80 per cent boost in fleet sales thanks to a lower-CO2 diesel option.

Hybrid power is also proving popular in the supermini Yaris. A quarter of those bought in the UK are equipped with the proven and self-recharging full hybrid system pioneered in the late 1990s by the Prius.



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## DRIVETIME



## Helping motorists stay safe

**With the clocks going back and the weather taking a turn for the wetter, local retailer, Stourbridge Motor House, is on hand to ensure drivers stay safe in dark, damp and wintry conditions.**

The dealership on High Street is getting behind the Vauxhall Winter Safety Check campaign by offering Vauxhall owners a thorough safety inspection of their car ahead of the winter season.

The dealer is also reminding Vauxhall drivers of the free-to-join MasterFit Service Club, which offers considerable savings on repairs, servicing and MOTs.

Michael Casey, general manager at Stourbridge Motor House, explains: "Autumn and winter bring a wealth of

unpredictable weather conditions so it's important that cars are in a suitable condition to combat all that nature throws at them.

"Whether making a quick school run trip or driving further afield, there are potential hazards on every journey, so we're keen to ensure Vauxhall drivers in the area are set for safe winter travel."

### Solution

For drivers who want to get their vehicle checked and prepared for the cold winter months, the Vauxhall Winter Safety Check is the ideal solution. It costs just £25 and features a 25-point visual health check of aspects such as wiper blades, lights and tyre pressure, plus, where necessary, top-ups of vital fluids such as coolant, brake fluid, screen wash and engine oil.

Customers booking a Winter Safe-

ty Check will drive away not only with peace of mind, but also a free Winter Survival pack worth £20.

The pack, which comes in a Vauxhall branded bag, contains Autoglym De-Icer, a wind-up torch, a foldable shovel, a high visibility jacket and ice scraper.

In addition to the Winter Safety Check, Stourbridge Motor House is also reminding drivers who own a Vauxhall vehicle aged over two years that they could save up to 25 per cent off servicing and repairs and get half price MOTs when they join the free Vauxhall MasterFit Service Club.

Michael Casey concludes: "The Vauxhall MasterFit Service Club is a great way for owners to take care of their car for less and be assured that their Vauxhall is in the best possible hands with the people who know it best."



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# Runners in first fixture of season

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club took on the first cross country league fixture of the season at Leamington Spa.

With both men and women competing at the same venue the blue hoops took a coachload of 30 runners.

The women's race was won by Birmingham University from Loughborough and Birchfield but the ladies of DK held their own finishing 31st of 40 teams.

Helen Tromans was first home for the club in 140th with Carol Fisher in 220th, Lynn Sprague 228th, Marie Latreche 263rd, Karen Doy in 271st, Alison Whitehouse in 295th, Lisa Newell in 301st, Sue Payton in 311th, Meg Downen in 316th, Jane Campbell in 321st, Charlotte Tonks in 337th and Sally McConville in 348th.

In the men's race DK faced tough opposition back in Division 2 of the Birmingham League after achieving promotion last season.

With the level of competition being much more fierce it was a pleasing result to finish just below halfway in 12th of 18 teams, some distance from the bottom three relegation places.

# Jackett is looking for a Plan B

KENNY JACKETT admits Wolves must come up with a Plan B after being 'found out' by the Championship big guns.

In Saturday's 5-0 demolition at Derby, the 2-1 defeat at Ipswich last Tuesday and the 0-0 draw against Birmingham, the opposition have pressed Wolves really high up the pitch and targeted double play of the year Kevin McDonald.

And head coach Jackett believes teams have started to work his side out in recent games.

"I think that's definitely happened to us tactically, and we haven't exploited the spaces in behind anywhere near enough," said Jackett. "Sides have got on top of us high up the pitch."

# Whiley adds Masters to clean sweep of titles

JORDANNE WHILEY and her Japanese partner Yui Kamiji added one more major wheelchair tennis title to their sweep of all four Grand Slam crowns this season when they retained their women's title at the Wheelchair Doubles Masters in Mission Viejo, California.

Gordon Reid and Michael Jeremiasz of France were runners-up in the men's doubles as British players on the Tennis Foundation's Wheelchair Tennis Performance Programme finished the prestigious event with one title and three runners-up positions between them after Jamie Burdekin and Andy Laphorne were also runners-up

**Tennis**

in the quad doubles. Whiley, from Halesowen, became the first British wheelchair tennis player in history to complete a calendar year Grand Slam in September this year when she and Kamiji added the US Open women's doubles title to their Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon titles.

The British No.1 and Kamiji are now the first non-Dutch pairing to win all four Grand Slams and the Doubles Masters title

in the same season. Whiley and Kamiji were in fine form against Louise Hunt and Germany's Katharina Kruger, earning a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

Whiley was the only player not to drop her serve in the first set and she went on to serve out the match in the second, with Kamiji hitting a cross court backhand winner on match point.

"After winning all four Grand Slams this year this was a big one for us, but we wanted to make sure we ended on a high and we want to replicate it next year," said Whiley.

"We are absolutely thrilled and we will

play together again at the Grand Slams in 2015. We are still learning and improving, but for now we are both looking forward to playing at the Wheelchair Tennis Masters in a couple of weeks, where we can hopefully translate our doubles success into singles success."

After nine Brits qualified for the 2014 Doubles Masters, the event ended with Lucy Shuker and Germany's Sabine Ellerbrock also finishing fourth in the women's doubles, while Antony Cotterill and the USA's Greg Hasterok were third in the quad doubles. Go to [www.wheelchairtennismasters.com](http://www.wheelchairtennismasters.com).

# Anichebe calls for Baggies to fight

STRIKER Victor Anichebe has challenged Albion to "come back fighting" against table-topping Chelsea after Sunday's dire defeat to Newcastle.

The Baggies were beaten 2-0 and now face a two-week break before returning to action at Stamford Bridge.

And Anichebe, who was recalled to the starting line-up, has urged fans and players to keep the loss in perspective.

"Everyone is really down," he said. "We've been on such a high recently and even in this game, I thought, for large parts we were really good."

"Hopefully after the international break we can come back fighting and get back to where we should be."

"We want to come back and show what we can do but during the international break we can go away and refresh and then come back fighting."

"You can't deny we have been on a good run lately so we can't really be too down. We just have to carry on fighting. We have to let this game go and have a good break and get some good training in."

"When we get closer to the Chelsea game we will look at it but for now we should just appreciate the good run of form we've

# Yeltz keep marching on with unbeaten run

**Halesowen Town 2 Ramsbottom United 0**

**IMPROVING Halesowen continued to climb up the league table after extending their unbeaten home run to nine games against high-flying Ramsbottom.**

Plenty of hard work was required prior to the kick-off to make The Grove playable but Iyseden Christie soon pounced to give the Yeltz a 13th minute lead.

The goal came after intercepting a poor back-pass from Jon Robinson and his clinical finish left goalkeeper Grant Shenton well beaten to open the scoring for the Yeltz.

Shenton then made a fine low save from Ben Haseley with the Yeltz looking strong and adapting well to the wet conditions which allowed them to keep a grip on the game.

There was scant evidence of Ramsbottom being the top goalscorers in the league although Jordan Hulme created Ramsbottom's best chance with a 20-yard shot after 40 minutes, only for home goalkeeper Matt Sargeant to produce a flying save and keep the opponents off the scoreboard.

Elliott Turner doubled the home lead three minutes before the interval from close range after Christie skipped around his marker on the right to cross along goal.

The score effectively sealed the game for the Yeltz although it did look like Ramsbottom where staging a comeback but it was cut short by the match officials.

Grant Spencer did put the ball in the net for the Rams early in the second half but

# Reuben flies the flag and defends his title



**Reuben Charlesworth with his dad and trainer Jason Charlesworth at the competition**

DUDLEY teenager Reuben Charlesworth flew the flag for England at the Unified World Championships in Tuscany Italy successfully defending his world kickboxing Champion title for the eighth time.

The 17-year-old from Lower Gornal is trained by his parents Jason and Julie Charlesworth and has been working hard over the year and has been competing across the UK and Europe to maintain the high level expected of him.

There were as many as 10,000 competitors from all around the world gathering in Italy for one of the largest martial arts competitions on the planet with most disciplines being represented over the week.

Charlesworth faced some tough opponents in his category, including the No.1 USA fighter representing the World Kickboxing Association, Reuben

# Slater is in a dash for DASH

DUDLEY and Stourbridge Harriers athlete Lee Slater had a fantastic run in the first Birmingham League cross country race this weekend at Leamington.

Lee finished ninth overall in 34m15s.

With all three divisions combined in the first race the field was more than 735. This meant that Lee won the Division 2 race by a clear margin. Dave Nation also had a good run for 121st overall and 28th in Div 2 with a time of 38m 29s, as Dave Ratcliffe took 40th place in 39m13s. Rob Meredith followed up his second place in the Droitwich half with 53rd in 39m 31s. DASH team finished ninth with 341 points and look to push further up the table.

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## Spoils shared by Stour players

**Marine 1 Stourbridge 1**  
STOURBRIDGE came from behind to clinch an Evo-Stik Premier point at struggling Marine.

Despite the Glassboys being favourites on the back of three league wins, it was the hosts who took the lead on 24 minutes when Christian Langos squared for Andy Fowler to fire home. However, their advantage lasted just four minutes when a Drew Canavan corner was deflected off Karl Clair into the net.

Stourbridge felt they should have been ahead before the break when Exodus Geohagho fired through a crowded box only to see his effort saved by Matthew Cooper, who was judged to have not been over the goal line.

A change was forced on the Glassboys at the interval with George Bowerman replaced by Josh Morgan-Parker.

Stourbridge thought they had the lead on 69 minutes when Cooper, under a challenge from Brown, failed to take a cross from Peter Till, and Brown prodded the loose ball over the line only to find he had been penalised.

**Stourbridge:** Coleman, Richards, Francis, McCone, Smikle, Brown, Haynes, Geohagho, Bowerman, Canavan, Till.

## Tivs hunting for strikers

TIVIDALE have targeted a twin striker boost to replace their departed forwards.

Boss Ian Long has served seven-day approaches for Gornal Athletic's Ryan Francis and Roland Agbor of Boldmere St Michaels after Jazz Luckie joined Stafford Rangers and Lewis Taylor-Boyce returned to Walsall Wood.

"I've been trying to get a couple of strikers in because that's where we're struggling," said Long.

"The approaches expire on Thursday and we're looking to bring in two attacking players because we've lost a bit of pace with those two going."

"We've been decent in the last few games and we want to get some more football under our belts."

Long wants a cup run, adding: "We've got a decent-sized squad so we want to stay in the cups."

## Villa take comfort in not losing a game

**West Ham 0 Villa 0**

VILLA ended their Premier League losing streak after battling to a goalless draw at West Ham.

Paul Lambert's side suffered six straight defeats since winning at Liverpool in mid-September to plummet down the table.

However, Villa produced a determined, defensive display at the Boleyn Ground.

Brad Guzan denied Andy Carroll – back from an ankle injury – with a brilliant save in stoppage time to frustrate the Hammers, who had been looking to move back up into the top four following their impressive run

**Football**

of form. Irons manager Sam Allardyce, who had called for patience in the build-up, saw his side make a positive start, with Mark Noble heading a deep cross from the right over and a free-kick from Enner Valencia deflected behind.

Villa had set themselves up to be hard to break down, while also offering a forward threat through Andreas Weimann and Charles N'Zogbia. They were supported by Gabriel Agbonlahor, who came in for Chris-

tian Benteke – the Belgian starting a three-match ban after his red card against Spurs. The former England man darted into the West Ham box past James Collins, but then lifted his shot over the crossbar.

At the other end, the Irons defender then sent a powerful header goalwards from a corner, which was straight at a grateful Guzan. West Ham maintained the pressure as the quarter-hour mark approached, but then almost hit the self-destruct button on 18 minutes as Winston Reid overhit a back-pass, which goalkeeper Adrian mis-controlled and the ball almost rolled inside the

far post. It was then the turn of Guzan to enjoy a slice of fortune as he came out to punch a high ball into the box from Aaron Cresswell, but clattered into Aly Cissokho as he challenged with Diafra Sakho, the ball dropping wide.

The American, though, showed good hands moments later as he beat away a fierce, angled drive from Stewart Downing, the one-time Villa midfielder just recalled to the England squad.

Villa remained dangerous on the break, and went close on 38 minutes, through N'Zogbia.

## Late goal knocks Tipton

**Brocton 2 Tipton 1**

A last-gasp Calum Rudd goal saw Brocton edge an entertaining Midland Premier clash.

It all began disastrously for the visitors with Shaun Griffiths's landing a seventh-minute bookingright on the edge of the penalty area.

With unerring accuracy, David Berks lashed home the fiercest of free-kicks.

As the half wore on Tipton came more into the picture. After sterling work by Sean Pugh near the corner flag, the ball was despatched to young Mark Ganderton in the 23rd minute who crossed for Dave Bate to tie up the score.

In the 41st minute, Kalum Evitts, crossed invitingly for Pugh to power a tremendous header barely off-target.

Brocton began the second half well before Tipton showed they were far from finished, Evitts setting up Steve Weaver, whose fine header shaved the top of the crossbar.

Tipton's hopes of prising a much-needed point were dashed well into added-on time when home substitute Rudd forced the ball home.

## Wembley pitch won't be perfect

WEMBLEY managing director Roger Maslin says the national stadium's pitch will "not be of the very highest standard" when England host Slovenia on Saturday.

Maslin said: "While the pitch will not be of the very highest standard we want, it will still be a good playing surface."

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# DK OUTPLAYED AND SHUT OUT

**Newport 67 DK 0**

**WITH missing players given time to recover from injuries, DK travelled to Newport.**

For this North Mids Cup they were showing seven changes from the side that narrowly lost to Lichfield last Saturday.

In complete contrast to the previous week's performance, the DK pack were completely outplayed with the home team dominating in both the scrums and line-outs.

Newport kicked off with a strong wind at their backs and it took only five minutes for them to start the score board moving.

DK were penalised in the forwards following early pressure from the home side and Liam Holder was successful with the resulting kick.

### Pressure

This early pressure continued and in the tenth minute Newport shunned a relatively easy kick at goal opting instead to kick for position.

From the resulting line-out, they won possession and formed a rolling maul which led to flanker Luke Kendall touching down for the opening try.

Liam Holder was successful with the conversion.

There then followed 25 minutes of play predominately between the two 22 metre lines.

The deadlock was broken in the 35th minute when DK's former centre, Chris Perry, crossed for Newport's second try which was converted by Liam Holder.

### Rugby

It only took a further three minutes for the home side to extend their lead when Liam Holder landed his second penalty.

The first half was bright to an end in the eighth minute of injury time with Newport's Dave Riley crossing for a try which Liam Holder duly converted.

It was hoped that with the wind at their backs in the second half, DK's fortunes would improve. However, the complete opposite was to happen.

With the home team's confidence riding high, they carried on in the same vein as the first half.

In contrast, DK's discipline completely deserted them and Newport took full advantage.

This ill-discipline, coupled with poor tackling led to the home side running in a further six tries – one each for Liam Holder, Richard Biggin, and Robert Keith.

Fijian centre Henry Vaka bagged a brace and Chris Perry added a second to his total. Liam holder, who was in superb kicking form, successfully converted five.



Sam Pedley looks for support during the match against Newport in which they suffered a shutout

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